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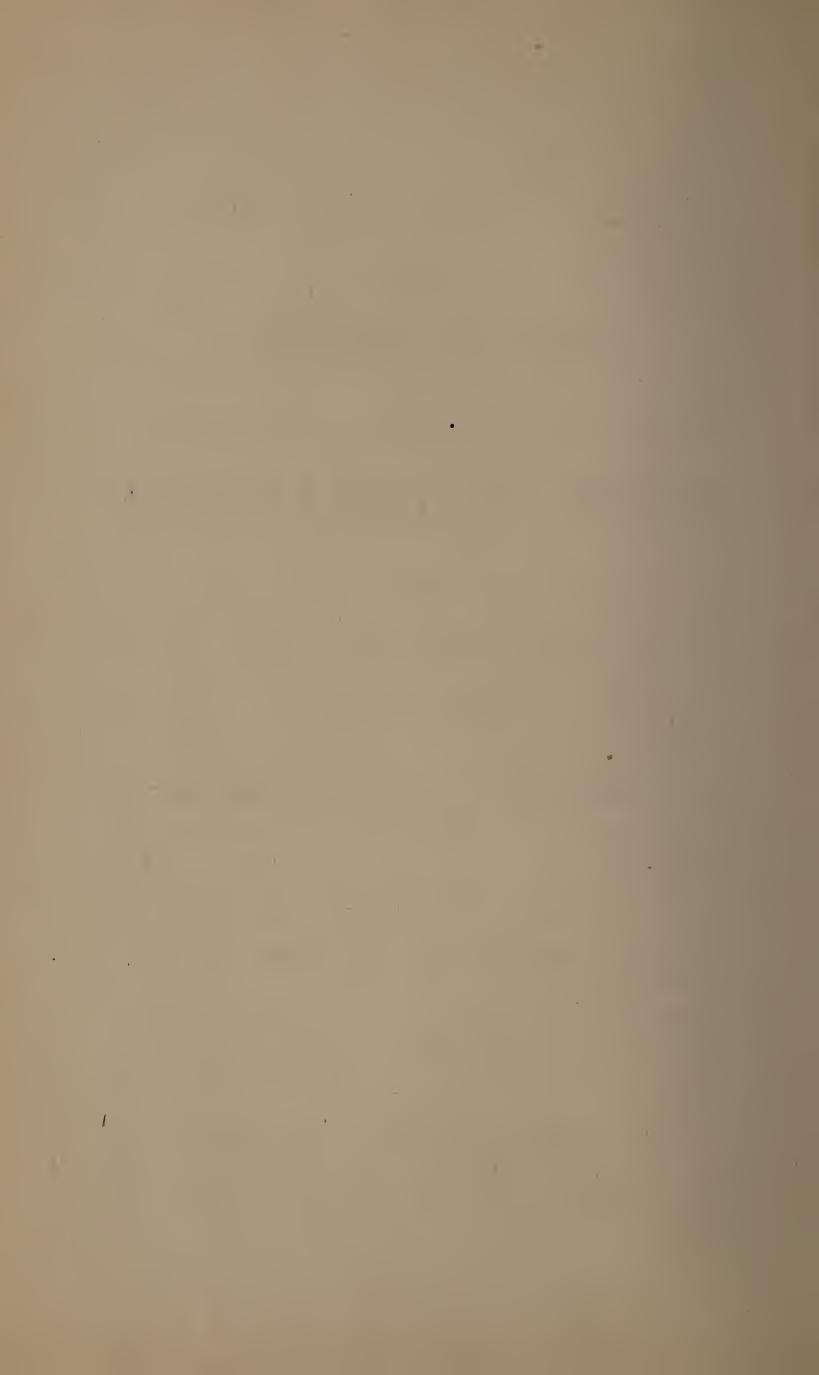
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# BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

In accordance with the requirements of the Town, that during the month of February in each year this Board shall submit to the Town a full report of their doings, the following report is respectfully submitted.

In addition to the usual business of the Town, the Board have been called upon the past year, according to the Statute of 1878, to furnish aid to soldiers who served in the late war. This aid has been granted according to our best judgment, and is to be re-imbursed by the State.

This has entailed a large amount of labor, and consumed much time in searching the military records of the large number of those soldiers who have made application for aid.

Also, according to the Act of 1877, the Selectmen were made supervisors over the affairs of highways, which have increased the labors and responsibilities of this Board.

The amount expended has been slightly in excess of the appropriation. This has been caused by the unusual heavy rains during the last summer, coming, as they did, after the money was nearly all expended. A considerable extra expense was thereby required, to render the streets safe for public travel.

In regard to the cost of supporting the poor, we can only reiterate the remarks on the same subject in the report of last year. The amount expended for this purpose, large as it is, has been rendered necessary by causes entirely beyond the control of any one. Labor has been scarce and poorly remunerated. Many persons who have hitherto supported themselves in comfort have this year for the first time been compelled to ask for help; and many more have suffered in silence from cold and hunger, whose pride has prevented them from asking or receiving public charity. We can see no prospect of relief from this state of things, until there is more employment for labor, and higher wages for the laborer.

A new street has been laid out by the County Commissioners, connecting Shaw Street and Quincy Avenue, which the Town is required to build the current year.

An appropriation of a sum of money sufficient for the purpose is therefore necessary.

> S. W. HOLLIS; ABIJAH ALLEN, ANSEL O. CLARK, Selectmen of Braintree.

#### SCHOOLS.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Joseph Loud & Co., 2 tons coal	7 75 0 00	\$1,910 09
POND SCHOOL.		
Freeman A. Arnold, teaching 17 weeks, at \$10.50	7 00 8 50 0 00 0 00 9 25 0 00 8 14 1 85 6 00	1,140 69
UNION SCHOOL.		
Wellington Record, teaching 20 weeks, at \$10.50	0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 7 80 30 75 2 00 0 00 5 00 75	\$1,226 60

#### IRON-WORKS SCHOOL.

Sara M. Graham, teaching 10 weeks, at			
\$10.50	\$105	00	
E. L. Bradford, teaching 30 weeks, at \$10.50	315		•
Joanna W. Penniman, teaching 23 weeks,	0 2 0		
at \$8	184	00	
Inez Penniman, teaching 17 weeks, at \$8.	136		
Alice M. Mason, teaching 10 weeks, at \$8,	80		
Alice M. Cushing, teaching 10 weeks, at \$8,	80		
Avis A. Thayer, teaching 20 weeks, at \$8,	160		
Michael Brandley, 12 tons of coal, at \$5.65,		80	
Galen E. Pratt, care of house		00	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings		50	
J. H. Mellus, shavings	1		
Galen E. Pratt, cleaning house	7	00	
			1,216 70
EAST SCHOOL.			
Victoria P. Wild, teaching 39 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub> weeks, at			
\$10.50	\$413	70	
Nettie L. Burt, teaching 10 weeks, at \$7.	70		
Nettie L. Burt, teaching 19\(\frac{4}{5}\) weeks, at \$8.	158		
Michael Brandley, 6 tons coal, at \$5.65 .		90	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	10	50	
J. H. Mellus, shavings		45	
Dennis Dugan, care of house	13		
Joseph I. Bates, care of house	17	50	
Sarah McGee, cleaning house	3	73	
g 6			721 93
SOUTH-EAST SCHOOL.			
Alice M. Cushing, teaching 10 weeks, at \$8,	<b>@</b> 80	00	
	\$80		
Ina G. Cutting, teaching 10 weeks, at \$7,	70		
Ina G. Cutting, teaching 20 weeks, at \$8,	160		
J. Loud & Co., 1 ton coal		00	
Michael Brandley, 3 tons coal, at \$5.65.	16		
Joseph Huff, wood, and sawing and splitting,		50	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	6	00	
J. H. Mellus, shavings		40	
J. M. Cutting, care of house, and sawing			
and splitting wood	15	50	
	-		361 35
SOUTH SCHOOL.			
·	<b>@290</b>	00	
M. E. C. Bannon, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8,	\$320	00	
Michael Brandley, 3 tons 180 lbs. coal at	4 -	4 ==	
\$5.65	17	47	

E. T. Ellis, kindlings \$10 50, J. H. Mellus, shavings 1 00 Thomas Downey, care of house	3 97
SOUTH-WEST SCHOOL.	
Helen A. Williams, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8	95
WEST SCHOOL.	
Avis A. Thayer, teaching 20 weeks, at \$8. \$160 00  Marcia A. Keith, teaching 20 weeks, at \$7,  Michael Brandley, coal, 3 tons 170 lbs 17 43  Elisha Savil, care of house	63
MIDDLE-STREET SCHOOL.	
Lottie E. Allen, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 . \$320 00  Michael Brandley, coal, 3 tons 140 lbs 17 35  George F. Goodnow, care of house 7 50  Ellsworth A. Hollis, care of house 8 50  J. H. Mellus, shavings	30
Total cost of schools \$7,997	21
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.	
<ul> <li>N. R. Proctor, brooms and crayons, Union School</li> <li>J. I. Bates, repairing stoves and ventilators</li> <li>J. I. Bates, stovepipe and labor, East School</li> <li>J. I. Bates, repairing pump and one fire-screen, Middle-street School</li> <li>J. I. Bates, coal-hod, Iron-Works School</li> <li>J. I. Bates, repairing pump and stoves, Union School</li> <li>A. J. Bates &amp; Co., broom and pail, East School</li> <li>A. J. Bates &amp; Co., brush, Iron-Works School</li> </ul>	50 80 90 40 75 00 50 91 30 00 85 50

T. J. McCqrmack, labor on furniture, Iron-Works School,	\$4	00
G. S. Baker, call-bell, Union School	1	25
G. C. Hallenbeck, conveying scholars	30	00
E. P. Hayward, repairing organ, Union School		00
Sarah M. Graham, ink-wells and bell, Iron-Works School,	4	74
Hugh Neely, cleaning three clocks	3	00
Hugh Neely, cleaning clock, High School	1	00
J. O. Holden, call-bell, South-east School	1	90
J. O. Holden, call-bell, Iron-Works School	1	15
J. O. Holden, repairing clock, South-east School.	1	25
H. M. White, pail and dipper, South-east School		35
P. D. Holbrook & Co., three brushes, Iron-Works		
School	2	57
P. D. Holbrook & Co., two brushes, South-east School,		20
P. D. Holbrook & Co., brooms, crayons, &c., Pond		
School		72
P. D. Holbrook & Co., brooms, crayons, &c., South		
School		18
P. D. Holbrook & Co., brooms, crayons, &c., South-		
west School		60
B. L. M. Tower, sundry bills for cards, erasers, &c.,		
Union School	7	00
S. L. Burnham, cash paid for erasers, Union School .		50
R. A. Gage, one floor-brush and labor, Union School .	2	00
L. Tuck, stove and labor, South-east School	34	00
C. G. Easterbrooks, printing questions for examination,	4	00
J. H. Mellus, one box	1	25
P. D. Holbrook & Co., broom, High School		25
P. D. Holbrook & Co., shovel and crayons, Middle-		
street School	1	12
Peirce & Sanborn, repairing stove, Pond School	1	50
Peirce & Sanborn, grate, lining, and pipe, and repairs,		
South-west School	11	70
Peirce & Sanborn, grate, lining, and pipe, &c., High		
School	18	75
E. L. Bradford, erasers, crayons, and bell, Iron-Works		
School		95
Thayer Brothers, horse-hire for Committee	2	00
Julia F. Hayward, books for Union School		95
Julia F. Hayward, books, erasers, &c., West School .		72
Julia F. Hayward, books, erasers, crayons, &c., South		
School		05
Julia F. Hayward, books for poor children, South-east		
School		46
Julia F. Hayward, books, erasers, crayons, &c., South-		
east School		70
Julia F. Hayward, books for poor children, Pond School,		34
Julia F. Hayward, books, crayons, &c., Pond School .		72

Julia F. Hayward, books, erasers, &c., East School Julia F. Hayward, books for poor children, South-west	6	71
School		25
School		75
School		04
		55
Julia F. Hayward, books, crayons, &c., High School . Julia F. Hayward, books for desk, Middle-street School,		80 45
Julia F. Hayward, books for Committee's library		23
N. Torrey, 1 Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, High	0	20
School	8	50
N. Torrey, repairing clock, South-west School		00
N. Torrey, books for Committee's library		00
N. Torrey, horse-hire for Committee		<b>75</b>
\$2	56	31
Cr. by cash for old stove, South-east School	2	00
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLHOUSES.		
Robert Brooks, setting glass, Iron-Works School	\$3	80
Silas Whiting, labor and material, East School		19
Silas Whiting, labor and material, East School R. A. Gage, labor and material, Union School	4	
R. A. Gage, labor and material, Union School	4 1	19
R. A. Gage, labor and material, Union School Hayward Brothers, labor and material, East School .	4 1 12	19 75
R. A. Gage, labor and material, Union School Hayward Brothers, labor and material, East School .	4 1 12	19 75 94
R. A. Gage, labor and material, Union School Hayward Brothers, labor and material, East School Hayward Brothers, labor and material, East School C. W. Mansfield, lumber for coal bin, Pond School John Hayward, labor, Pond School .	4 1 12 23	19 75 94 05
R. A. Gage, labor and material, Union School Hayward Brothers, labor and material, East School Hayward Brothers, labor and material, East School C. W. Mansfield, lumber for coal bin, Pond School John Hayward, labor, Pond School .	4 1 12 23 6	19 75 94 05 50
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Galen E. Pratt, cash paid for setting glass, Iron-Works School.  Wm. R. Penniman, repairing seats, South-east School.  H. A. Berry, material and labor, Union School.  J. I. Bates, grate and pipe, Union School.  N. Torrey, lumber, &c., Pond School	3 16 6	\$60 12 56 66 75
L. A. Cooper, repairing blackboards, South School L. A. Cooper, repairing blackboards, High School .	1	70 00
Eben Denton, cash paid sundry bills, Iron-Works School, Eben Denton, cash paid sundry bills, East School.		00 60
Albert Littlefield, repairing steps, Iron-Works School.		50
A. Allen, shingles and nails, 1877, Iron-Works School.	2	42
	\$205	91
APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLHOUSES.		
G. H. ARNOLD, Committee.		
Joseph I. Bates, tin and labor, Union Schoolhouse .	\$14	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	136	
H. A. Berry, labor and stock, Union Schoolhouse.  Josiah Penniman, labor and stock, Union Schoolhouse.	$rac{8}{12}$	18
Joseph Huff, self, man, and team, 4 days	11	
Joseph Huff, 1 man, 4 days		00
J. B. Allen, man and team, 3 days		25
B. C. Wales, man and team, 3 days	8	25
G. E. Fogg, man and team, 3 days		25
George Hill, man and team, 4 days	11	
Thomas Hill, man and team, 4 days	11	
Thomas Arthur, labor, 3 days		90
J. S. Arnold, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days		55 60
William Allen, labor, 3 days		00
William Allen, man and team, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days		88
William Allen, man $\frac{1}{2}$ day		65
Charles W. Hobart, labor and material, Union School-		
house	54	
Edward Hobart, cedar posts, Union Schoolhouse.		60
Edward Hobart, cedar posts, Middle-street Schoolhouse,		25
S. W. Hollis, 49 loads gravel, Union Schoolhouse	4	90
J. D. Hollis, labor, self and man, Middle-street School-house	12	12
C. Mischler, painting, Middle-street Schoolhouse .	24	
J. Huff, self, man and team, South-east Schoolhouse .	20	
J. Huff, man, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, South-east Schoolhouse		38
J. Huff, self, man, and team, West Schoolhouse	14	
J. Huff, man, $5\frac{1}{4}$ days, West Schoolhouse	6	56
J. Huff, self, man, and team, $2\frac{3}{4}$ days, South-west School-		
house	7	<b>5</b> 6

11				
J. Huff, man, $2\frac{3}{4}$ days, South-west Schoolhou B. C. Wales, team, work, and gravel, Unit		100l-	\$3	44
house	•	•		90
Cr. by cash paid Treasurer for old lumber .			\$438 3	84
SURVEYORS OF HIGHWA	AYS.			
MICHAEL BRANDLEY, Surve	yor.			
	\$187 . \$147 . \$4 . 53 , 39 . 28 , 34 . 18 . 9 . 2			
Martin Brandley, labor 6 days, at \$1.30 William Newman, labor 19 days, at \$1.30 Martin Bannon, labor $24\frac{3}{20}$ days, at \$1.30 Henry Hawkes, labor $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.30 James E. Wheeler, labor $2\frac{1}{20}$ days, at \$1.30 Martin Connors, labor $\frac{1}{2}$ day John Connors, labor 1 day Thomas Gannon, labor $13\frac{17}{20}$ days, at \$1.30 George Parker, labor $14\frac{1}{20}$ days, at \$1.30	7 24 31 8 3 1	80 70 40 45 45 50 75		

18 20

28 60

19 50

264 19

22 82

5 80

1 08

4 13

20 60

8 00

75

Patrick Newman, labor 14 days, at \$1.30

George Mansfield, labor 15 days, at \$1.30

Patrick Maguire, 58 loads gravel, at \$.10

Patrick Maguire, horse and cart 3 day .

Samuel Vining, gravel 206 loads, at \$.10

Benjamin Stevens, labor  $6\frac{3}{20}$  days, at \$1.30.

Michael Brandley, horse and cart  $182\frac{2}{10}$  days,

Patrick Maguire, man, horse, and cart 83

Peter W. Dyer, man, horse, and cart 1½ days,

Thomas Kelley, labor 22 days, at \$1.30

Benjamin Stevens, labor ½ day.

at \$1.45

at \$2.75

days, at \$2.75

Lewis Dyer, gravel 181 loads, at \$.08.	\$14	48	
Lewis Dyer, gravel 175 loads, at $\$.12\frac{1}{2}$ .	21		
N. H. Hunt, gravel 107 loads, at \$.08.	8		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		50	
N. H. Hunt, gravel 25 loads, at \$.06			
Calvin French, gravel 22 loads, at \$.10		20	
Joseph A. Arnold, gravel 20 loads, at \$.10.	2		
Edward Shay, blacksmith-work	10		
$\mathcal{O} \cap \mathcal{O}$	8	40	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber.	• 11	17	
William H. Cobb, tools	9	35	
H. M. White, tools	4	25	
Thomas Penniman, lumber and labor	1	75	
Charles Wilson, stone		00	
P. D. Holbrook & Co., nails		20	
John Connors, labor		12	
	7		
Adam Hobart, splitting stone	C	50	
F. G. Crosby, setting edgestone		00	
Edward Hobart, 2 posts	•	40	
John Rennie, labor 2 days, at \$1.30		60	
Michael Brandley, labor 2 days, at \$2.00 .	4	00	
Michael Brandley, horse and cart 1 day	1	45	
T. B. Stoddard, plank for drain	1	00	
Lewis Dyer, gravel 2 loads		20	
E. T. Ellis, labor, setting posts and furnishing			
spikes	10	00	
E. T. Ellis, labor on Union-street bridge .			
		50	
E. T. Ellis, labor, horse, cart, and three men,		06	
James S. Holbrook, right of way to cart gravel,	Z	UU	#1 974 90
	_		\$1,274 36
Cr. by cash for use of cart	Э	55	
THOMAS HILL, Surveyor.			
	Ø107	20	
	\$197	30	
Thomas Hill, horse, cart, and boy $20\frac{1}{2}$ days,		~ ~	
at \$2.50	51		
Thomas Hill, horse and cart 14 days, at \$1.75,	24	50	
George W. Hill, self, horse, and cart 97 days,			
at \$2.75	266	75	•
George W. Hill, 1 day's work	1	30	
George Hill, self, horse, and cart 17 days, at			
\$2.75		75	
John Hill, self, horse, and cart 35 days, at		• •	
\$2.75		25	
John Hill, labor 28 days, at \$1.30			
	- 50	40	
Moses Hunt, self, horse, and cart 10 days, at \$2.75			
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Moses Hunt, labor 5 days, at \$1.30		50 50	

O. H. P. Niles, labor 8 days, at \$1.30.	. \$10	40		
Brainard Thayer, labor $7\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.30		$06\frac{1}{2}$	,	
James McAlpine, labor $7\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.30	. 10	$06\frac{1}{5}$		
Samuel Hill, horse, cart, and man 19 days	5,	~		•
at \$2.75	. 52	25		
Samuel Hill, labor 22 days, at \$1.30 .	. 28	60		
John Hennesey, labor 14 days, at \$1.30	. 18	20		
Leonard Hunt, labor $12\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.30	. 16	$56\frac{1}{2}$		
B. C. Wales, self, horse, and cart 11 days, a	ıt	~		
\$2.75	. 30	25		
Josiah Holbrook, labor 28 days, at \$1.30	. 36	40		
M. V. B. Minchin, labor 15 days, at \$1.30	. 19	50		
William Spear, labor $11\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1 .	. 11	50	11	
Asaph T. Arnold, labor 19 days, at \$1.30	. 24	70		
Edward Munroe, labor 6 days, at \$1.30	. 7	80		
John Maher, labor 4 days, at \$1.30 .		20		
Henry Hayden, labor $2\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.30	. 3	$56\frac{1}{2}$		
James Maher, labor $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.30.		85		
Simeon Thayer, labor 3 days, at \$1.30.	. 3	90		
David Thayer, labor $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.30.		85		
Cornelius F. Maguire, labor 2 days, at \$1.30	), 2	60		
George Arnold, labor $\frac{1}{2}$ day, at \$1.30.	•	65		
Michael Sullivan, labor 1 day		30		
Edward Watkins, labor 2 days, at \$1 .		00		
Charles Dailey, labor 1 day		30		
Peter Donahoe, labor 1 day		30		
Lawrence Lynch, sharpening picks, &c.		45		
Edward Shay, repairs on cart	. 2	25		
C. W. Hobart, repairs on cart	•	50		
Joseph Breck & Son, tools	. 6			
S. W. Hollis, 1,107 loads gravel, at \$.10	. 110	70	Ø4 40=	1.0
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Cr. by cash for use of cart	•		9 (	91
Albert Hobart, Survey	or.			
Albert Hobart, labor, $45\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$2.50.	\$113	00		
Albert Hobart, horse, 2 days, at \$1.30 .	2			
Albert Hobart, 2 horses, 1 day		60	•	
Albert Hobart, horse, cart, and man, $29\frac{4}{10}$				
days, at \$2.75	80	85		
Albert Hobart, horse, cart, 21 days, at \$1.45	30	45		
Albert Hobart, 2 horses and cart, 4 days, at				
\$2.75	11	00		
Albert Hobart, horse and drag, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, at				
\$1.50		75		
Albert Hobart, 4 loads gravel, and carting.	2	60		
Albert Hobart, 192 feet timber for Shaw-				
street bridge	2	49		

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Robert M. Loring, labor, $34\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.30	\$45	18
Nathaniel White, labor, $45\frac{1}{20}$ days, at \$1.30	58	
B. F. Spear, labor, $25\frac{13}{20}$ days, at \$1.30 .		35
Thomas P. Fogg, labor, 39½ days, at \$1.30	50	96
Charles Remington, labor, $20\frac{13}{20}$ days, at		
W	26	25
\$1.30		
	21	19
John Hennegan, labor, $20_{\overline{10}}$ days, at \$1.30	26	65
Horace J. Richards, labor, $25\frac{1}{2}$ days, at		
	33	15
\$1.30	99	10
Luke Mulligan, jun., labor, 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>5</sub> days, at		
\$1.00	5	20
Wm. H. Pierce, labor, $27\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.30	36	01
	9	10
Amos H. Goodnow, labor, 7 days, at \$1.30	-	
J. F. Allen, labor, $7\frac{3}{40}$ days, at \$1.30 .		24
William Mills, labor, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.30 .	4	23
Luther Thayer, labor, $18\frac{3}{10}$ days, at \$1.30	23	79
		95
F. L. Thayer, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.30 .		
Luke Mulligan, labor, $1\frac{9}{10}$ days, at \$1.30.		47
Elmer Vinton, labor, 3 days, at \$1.30	3	90
T. J. Dalton, labor, 14 days, at \$1.30	18	20
		95
William S. Peirce, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.30		
William S. Peirce, labor, 1 day, at \$2.00.	2	00
John Maloney, labor, $2\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.30 .	2	93
George Miller, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day		50
S. S. Kittrell, labor, $1\frac{1}{4}$ days, at 1.00	1	25
Thomas Griffin, labor, $19\frac{17}{20}$ days, at \$1.30	25	81
James Croak, labor, $1\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.30 .	2	28
John Flood, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.30 .	1	95
Albert R. Hobart, labor, ½ day, at \$1.30.		65
and the second s	0	
John Downes, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$2.00.	9	00
Charles W. Smith, labor, $2\frac{3}{10}$ days, at \$1.30	3	00
Maurice Gurney, labor, 4 days, at \$1.30.	5	20
Patrick Sullivan, labor, 22 days, at \$1.30.	28	60
		00
Patrick Sullivan, cartridge and fuse		
Joel F. Sheppard, 2 horses and man, 1 day	3	90
Joel F. Sheppard, man, horse, and cart,		
$18\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$2.75	50	88
Joel F. Sheppard, use of scraper		50
		00
E. R. Waterman, 2 horses and man, $9\frac{1}{2}$		
$ ightharpoonup$ days, at \$3.90 $\cdot$ . $\cdot$ .	37	05
N. M. Hobart, 2 horses and man, $7\frac{5}{8}$ days,		
at \$3.90 '	29	74
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N. M. Hobart, horse and cart, 4 days, at		0.0
\$1.45		80
N. M. Hobart, self, 4 days, at \$1.50	6	00
John B. Allen, two horses and man, $5\frac{8}{15}$		
days, at \$3.90	91	58
(a) 5, at \$0.00	21	90

John B. Allen, two horses and man, plough-				
$\log 2\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$4.50	\$12	15		
John B. Allen, one horse, $1\frac{7}{10}$ days	2	21		
John B. Allen, one horse and cart, $\frac{7}{10}$ day,	1	09		
John B. Allen, three horses and man, $\frac{3}{10}$				
day		56		
John B. Allen, ploughing		00		
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John B. Allen, horse and man, $\frac{3}{10}$ day .		78		
George E. Fogg, two horses, cart and man,		0.0		
$7\frac{1}{8}$ days, at \$4.20		93		
George E. Fogg, one day ploughing.		00		
George E. Fogg, $1\frac{1}{5}$ days ploughing	5	18		
George E. Fogg, picking stone		75		
Caleb Stetson, 477 loads gravel, at \$.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	59	$62\frac{1}{2}$		
Caleb Stetson, use of double cart, 8 days.	4	00		
Nelson E. Hayden, 180 tons stone del., at				
\$.25 . $$ . $$ . $$ .		00		
Andrew Gott, 42 tons stone del., at \$.25.		50		
Francis Leben, 116 loads gravel, at \$.10.		60		
George S. Baker, tools and hardware .		85		
Loud & Pratt, lumber and nails		87		
Daniel Hayward, 7 cedar posts, at \$.60 .	4	$\frac{20}{50}$		
Daniel Hayward, iron-work	-	50		
Daniel Hayward, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days labor, at \$1.50.		25		
Edward Hobart, 12 posts		00		
Lawrence Lynch, iron-work	1	30		
Robert Gillespie, iron-work	7	61		
J. I. Bates, dipper and lantern	1	25		
Simeon Gutterson, double cart, 8 days .	2	40		
J. D. Gutterson, double cart, $15\frac{1}{2}$ days .	4	65		
Joseph Breck & Son, plough-point		82		
Cyrus Washburn, 12 loads gravel		20		
J. F. Sheppard, 20 feet drain-pipe		00		
o.r. Sheppara, 20 feet aram-pipe	· ·	00	\$1,193	16
Cr. hr each for loam gold	, <u> </u>	00	Ø1,100	10
Cr. by cash for loam sold	J	00		
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Amount expended on highways .			\$3,654	78
DRAWBRIDGE.				
			0100	00
S. F. Whitmarsh, superintendent, salary	•	•	\$100	
Thomas South, iron-work	•	•		10
Joseph Ross, repairs	•	•	47	
Loud & Pratt, lumber for piers		•	37	
S. F. Whitmarsh, lumber and labor .		•	14	12
Joel F. Sheppard, furnishing and driving pa	ile .		10	00
Albert Hobart, labor, 5 days, at \$2.50			12	50

	Albert Hobart, labor 1 day with men	\$4	80
	Albert Hobart, horse, cart, and man, 5 days, at \$2.75	13	75
	Albert Hobart, use of jack-screws and blocks		50
	E. R. Waterman, pr. horses and man, 4 days, at \$3.90	15	
	G. E. Fogg, pr. horses, cart, and man, 5 days, at \$4.20	$\frac{1}{21}$	
	G. E. Fogg, 3 hours ploughing	1	
		_	90
	N. M. Hobart, team, 1 day		38
	N. M. Hobart, horse and boy, $\frac{1}{2}$ day		
	N. M. Hobart, team, 3 days, at \$4.20	12	
	Caleb Stetson, 287 loads gravel, at $\$.12\frac{1}{2}$	35	
	William Mills, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.30		85
	Charles Remington, labor, 4 days, at \$1.30		20
	George Buker, labor, 5 days, at \$1.30	6	50
	John Maloney, labor, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.30	4	88
	Nathaniel White, labor, 4 days, at \$1.30	5	20
	B. F. Spear, labor, 5 days, at \$1.30	6	50
	Robert M. Loring, labor, 5 days, at \$1.30		50
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		\$381	86
	REMOVING SNOW.	ΨΟΟΙ	
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	Thomas Hill, cash paid as per vouchers	\$266	
	B. J. Loring, cash paid as per vouchers	240	19
	S. S. French, cash paid as per vouchers	236	20
	Michael Brandley, cash paid per vouchers	45	94
	Albert Hobart, cash paid as per vouchers	24	<b>75</b>
	E. T. Ellis	7	00
	Thomas Hill		40
	•		
		\$825	03
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	ALMSHOUSE.		
	Appraised Feb. 1, 1878		
	Esek T. Ellis, superintendent, salary 325 00		
	Braintree School Fund, rent		
	and the second s	•	
	P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries 325 51		
	J. Marcus Arnold, groceries 98 06		
	Henry M. White, groceries 82 64		
	Kane & Waitte, groceries		
	E. T. Ellis, cash paid for groceries 78 35		
•	J. Webster Hollis, meat		
	C. M. Marshall, meat		
	Ambler & Hobart, grain and meal 178 08		
	William A. Hodges, bread and crackers . 45 49		
	E. B. Holmes, fish		1
	Joel F. Sheppard, coal		
	Braintree Clothing Store, clothing 43 88		
	A. J. Towns, ice		
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J. Loud & Co., coal	\$19	44	
Joseph T. Bates, two stoves and pipe, and			
tinware		95	
F. B. Parks, tinware, and repairing stoves.		34	
Blake & Alden, furniture		00	
Lord, Whittemore, & Putney, carpet.		92	
H. A. French, ploughing		00	
Harvey S. Page, medicine	$\frac{21}{2}$		
McDonald & Hobart, repairing harness . Dr. James M. Cutting, professional services		00	
William H. Cobb, two plough-clevises and		UU	
scythe-rifle		78	
Edward Shay, blacksmith-work		90	
Aldrich & Johnson, cow			
Albert Howe, sleigh		00	
Isaac N. Dyer, pine wood		50	
Julia F. Hayward, writing-paper and medi-			
cine	5	46	
George W. White, pine wood	16	50	
E. T. Ellis, cash paid sundry bills	44	18	
Dr. N. Torrey, medical attendance			
A. A. Linnell, tinware and grate			
David H. Bates, services as overseer	3		
S. W. Hollis, services as overseer			
S. W. Hollis, services on account of tramps			
Abijah Allen, services as overseer			
A. O. Clark, services as overseer	20		
A. O. Clark, services on account of tramps	20	UU	2 200 29
			3,899 82
Almshouse Credits.			
Appraised Feb. 1, 1879	\$1,802	46	
Cash received for labor and produce	321		
Due from Horace Faxon for hay	9	00	
Due from F. B. Parks for hay	10	78	
			\$2,144 06
Total cost of poor in almshouse .	•	•	\$1,755 76
INMATES OF ALMSHO	USE.		
			AGE. DAYS.
Isaac Wild	•		62 365 59 365
George W. Hall	•		52       365         61       365
Mary A. Littlefield	•		63 365
O II TITL'	•		73 365
Towar Correon	7. 1		68 365
Jerry Sexton	•		300

Thomas Buker .	•		•	•	•		. 44	365
Maria Kelley .	•	•	•				. 17	365
Eliza Harrington	•			•	•	•	. 18	362
Nellie Harrington			•	•	•	•	10 mos.	281
Weston Hayden	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 7	220
Charles Hayden.	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 5	220
William S. Fogg	•		•	•	•	•	. 67	188
Thomas Jordan.	•		•	•	•	•	. 73	143
George Welch .	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 16	104
George Nason .	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 12	80
Phæbe Nason .	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 34	60
George N. Thayer	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 43	53
Cora Nason .	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 10	51
George Littlefield	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 52	50
William Nason .	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 52	31
Francis Cook .	•	•	•	•	•	•	. 17	8
420 tramps .	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	420
Total number	of	days	•	•	•	•	•	5,223
Total number	of	weeks	•	•	•	•	•	746 <del>1</del>
Cost of poor	per	week	•	•	•	•	•	$$2 35\frac{1}{3}$
Received from the to	own	of Hol	bro	ok .	•	•	•	52 00
Received from the to	own	of Pea	bod	у .		•	•	11 50
Due from the town of	of S	outh Al	bing	ton	•	•	•	3 00
								\$66 50

The Auditors, in taking the valuation of the property at the Almshouse, would inform the citizens of the town that they have reduced the appraisal considerably from last year, the reduction amounting to \$248.95.

We find that the Overseers have added new property to the amount of \$228.25, which we think ought not to be charged to the cost of the poor the past year.

It will be seen, that, if we had not reduced the valuation, the

cost of the poor would have appeared much less.

The whole place still shows evidence, outside and inside of the house, of the efficient industry of the Superintendent and his wife.

We noticed that the carriages and stock are quite up to last year, and believe that the inmates are quite happy and well cared for.

JOHN B. ARNOLD, EBEN DENTON, JOHN M. BEALS, Auditors.

#### POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Taunton Hospital, support of C. E. Thayer	\$225	78
Taunton Hospital, support of Jacob Veazie		10
Taunton Hospital, support of William Kincaide.	202	76
Taunton Hospital, support of John Hennesey	113	97
Northampton Hospital, support of Mary Goodman		61
City of Boston, aid to Bridget Callahan	21	00
City of Boston, aid to John Hanlon's child	13	02
City of Boston, aid to Mary E. Hussey	8	84
City of Boston, aid to Rachel Nash	60	00
City of Boston, aid to Anna Wild	17	
City of Boston, aid to Mary Bailey	7	20
	•	00
City of Boston, coffin for Fraser child		
Ellen Sheehan, rent for Mrs. Thomas Kelley		00
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries, &c., for William Tobin,	44	
John Crane, shoes for William Tobin		70
John Crane, shoes for T. J. Dalton	1	00
James Fallon, aid to Katie Fallon	2	50
G. C. Hallenbeck, funeral expenses of Mrs. C. C.		
Jordan	20	00
A. O. Clark, aid to C. W. Mansfield, 2d	3	00
A. O. Clark, expense of removal	25	
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C. W. Smith, aid to Frederic Brooks	50	
C. W. Smith, groceries to T. J. Dalton	$\frac{32}{2}$	
C. W. Smith, groceries to Tristam Dalton	9	
C. W. Smith, groceries to J. F. Sheehan	8	
C. W. Smith, groceries to Michael Stanton	6	00
C. W. Smith, groceries to Maria Barton	52	00
C. W. Smith, groceries to Mrs. P. Howard	12	00
C. W. Smith, groceries to Dennis Collins	33	00
C. W. Smith, groceries to P. F. Maguire	25	
C. W. Smith, groceries to Thomas Doran		00
C. W. Smith, groceries to Philip McGee		00
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C. W. Smith, groceries to Mrs. Ainslie	1	00
Dr. William O. Faxon, medical attendance on Mrs.	4.4	0.0
William Nason	14	00
Dr. William O. Faxon, medical attendance on Mrs.		
J. F. Holbrook	49	00
Dr. William O. Faxon, medical attendance on C. W.		
Mansfield, 2d	115	50
Braintree Clothing Store, shoes, J. F. Holbrook's chil-		
dren	2	90
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing for Thomas Jordan,		00
	10	45
Braintree Clothing Store, shoes for Mrs. Nightingale.	9.4	
T. J. Hill, groceries to J. F. Holbrook		00
T. J. Hill, groceries to Mrs. Nightingale		00
William S. Fogg, cash order	6	50

Harvey S. Page, medicine for C. W. Mansfield, 2d .	\$13 95
Harvey S. Page, medicine for Mrs. J. F. Holbrook .	13 25
Harvey S. Page, medicine for Thomas Gannon	1 80
	3 00
Lawrence Leavitt, aid Fred. Leavitt	
Aid to family of Charles A. Hayden	$20 \ 00$
A. O. Clark, expenses removing paupers	5 00
City of Worcester, aid to Jane K. Dyer, 1877	$26 \ 05$
City of Worcester, aid to Jane K. Dyer, 1878	31 10
Ford & McCormick, funeral of Robert Carrigan	15 00
Dr. Tinkham, medical attendance on Mrs. T. J.	
Dalton	5 00
James W. Thayer, groceries for Mrs. Nightingale	5 00
A. Allen, aid to William Tobin	9 74
Samuel Curtis, funeral expenses of T. Jordan	15 00
John Crane, shoes for Mrs. Howard	2 25
Dr. T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Mrs. Hol-	
brook	2 00
Dr. T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Maria Bar-	
ton	1 00
Dr. T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on J. W. Cook,	$\stackrel{\bullet}{4}$ 00
	4 00
Dr. T. H. Dearing, medical attendence on —— Dickey,	
William Reed, milk to C. W. Mansfield, 2d	4 56
Jacob S. Dyer, aid to Thomas Gannon	6 00
Town of Quincy, aid to Mrs. Clark	44 01
Town of Quincy, aid to William Mulligan	10 00
Town of Quincy, aid to James Freel	26 36
Town of Quincy, aid to Delia Hayden	19 85
Alfred Wyman, medicine for Mrs. Howard	88
Town of Easton, aid to Elbridge J. Snow	16 26
	3 20
Town of Clinton, aid to Fenton Murphy	
Town of Sharon, aid to Patrick Newman	14 33
C. J. Adams, master of Middlesex House of Cor-	4 00
rection, board of Michael Foley	4 29
Town of Brockton, aid to Jacob C. Snow	82 00
Town of Brockton, aid to E. J. Snow	12 00
E. L. Warren, medicine to Mrs. Dalton	2 70
E. L. Warren, medicine to Mrs. Howard	1 15
Joseph Huff, wood to Betsey Wild	12 50
G. W. White, rent for Newell Langley	35 00
E. T. Ellis, wood to Delia Hayden	1 20
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E. T. Ellis, wood to C. W. Mansfield, 2d	4 40
Dr. Noah Torrey, medical attendance on Mrs. C. C.	0 50
Jordan	6 50
David H. Bates, overseer services	6 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to Edward Huff	18 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to Mrs. J. B. Moore,	. 26 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to T. B. Coffin.	51 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to Ludo W. Hol-	
brook.	9 00
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P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to Thomas Gannon.	\$16	00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to C. W. Mans-		
field, 2d · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	79	78
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to James McNeal .	10	07
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to J. E. Wheeler .	29	
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to James McKinney.		
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to William McCor-		
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mick		
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to J. F. Holbrook .	4	
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries to Tristam Dalton.	42	
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries to C. C. Jordan		00
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries to Frederic Brooks.	12	87
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries to Michael Stanton .	12	00
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries to T. J. Dalton	, 6	00
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries to Thomas Doran	<b>2</b>	00
A. J. Bates & Co., groceries to J. F. Sheehan	2	00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal to J. F. Holbrook		<b>75</b>
R. W. Turner & Co., coal to Mrs. Nightingale		50
		00
Charles Crane, groceries to James Friel		00
Michael Brandley, removing paupers		
Lydia T. Howe, rent for C. W. Mansfield, 2d	. 38	
Aid to C. C. Jordan		00
Thomas Daniels, rent C. C. Jordan		00
James S. Holbrook, support of Jon. Holbrook	$oldsymbol{45}_1$	00
Anna Holbrook, nursing Mrs. J. F. Holbrook	. 10	00
E. W. Hobart, rent for Joshua Pratt	17	33
Town of Randolph, aid to Mrs. E. F. Langley, 1877.	38	18
Town of Randolph, aid to Mrs. J. F. Holbrook.		50
Town of Sharon, aid to Patrick Newman		15
George Hill, wood to J. W. Cook		50
George Hill, wood to Mrs. Giles		50
•		50
George Hill, wood to George Carney		
N. Rosenfeld, clothing to J. F. Holbrook		00
N. Rosenfeld, shoes to Mrs. Nightingale		75 70
Francis Ambler, medicine for Tristam Dalton		70
Aid to Elizabeth Walch and children		00
William Buker, rent for Willard Wild		91
D. A. Brooks, aid to William S. Fogg	63	00
Joseph Loud & Co., coal and wood to George Carney,	, 8,	50
Joseph Loud & Co., coal and wood to Mrs. Giles	3	25
Joseph Loud & Co., coal and wood to J. W. Cook	. 3	25
Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to Tristam Dalton	23	70
Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to Mrs. P. Howard.		55 -
Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to E. Nason .		69
Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to C. W. Mans-		-
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field, 2d		75
Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to J. McNeil.		
Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to C. C. Jordan	. 3	85

	Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to Dennis Collins		\$1 85
	Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to Joshua Pratt		11 60
	Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to T. B. Coffin	•	13 25
	Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to Mrs. T. Kelley		5 25
	Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to P. F. Maguire		3 40
	Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to T. J. Dalton	•	8 25
	Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to J. F. Sheehan	•	85
	Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood to Thomas Gannon	•	3 75
	J. Marcus Arnold, groceries to Sophia Lehman.	•	6 29
44	J. Marcus Arnold, groceries to S. F. Harrington	•	7 63
	J. Marcus Arnold, groceries to J. M. Bryant .	•	3 00
	J. Marcus Arnold, groceries to F. G. Leavitt .	•	4 00
	James Wilson, groceries to Thomas Doran.	•	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
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	James Wilson, groceries to Mrs. Howard	•	6 00
	N. R. Proctor, groceries to William Mulligan .	•	3 46
	N. R. Proctor, groceries to Mrs. Nolan	•	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
	Kane & Waitte, groceries to Thomas Gannon .	•	3 00
	Kane & Waitte, groceries to Inomas Gamon . Kane & Waitte, groceries to Mrs. Nightingale .	•	12 00
	N. R. Proctor, groceries to Fred. E. Johnson .	•	5 01
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	H. M. White, groceries to Betsey Wild	•	$\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 00 \\ 24 & 07 \end{array}$
	H. M. White, groceries to Mrs. E. F. Langley .	•	86 50
	H. M. White, groceries to J. F. Holbrook.	•	6 00
	H. M. White, groceries to Mrs. J. B. Moore	•	6 00
	H. M. White, groceries to C. C. Jordan	•	7 20
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	H. M. White, groceries to J. E. Boyle H. M. White, groceries to Patrick Newman	•	3 00
	H. M. White, groceries to Delia Hayden	•	4 00
	H. M. White, groceries to Frederic Brooks .	•	21 00
	D. H. Bates, use of team	•	3 00
	Betsey Wild, cash	•	3 00
	C. M. Marshall, aid to Thomas Gannon	•	1 00
	J. F. Sheppard, coal for Mrs. Giles	•	3 75
	E. T. Ellis, transportation of paupers	•	10 00
	S. W. Hollis, services as overseer	•	<b>75</b> 00
	S. W. Hollis, cash expenses	•	14 25
	S. W. Hollis, use of team		25 00
1,	A. Allen, services as overseer		75 00
	A. Allen, cash expenses		6 75
	A. Allen, use of team	•	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
	A. O. Clark, services as overseer	•	45 00
	A. O. Clark, cash expenses	•	5 85
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By cash from town of Holbrook, aid to Elizabeth Walsh	<b>ው</b> ድ ዓ	00
and family	\$62 48	
By cash from town of Randolph, aid to Mrs. Howard. By cash from town of Randolph, aid to Mrs. Giles.	10	
By cash refunded	14	
Due from town of Hingham, aid to Michael Stanton .	21	
Hingham, aid to J. M. Bryant .		00
Weymouth, aid to John F. Sheehan,	10	
Thomas Doran .		00
Philip McGee .		00
Joshua Pratt .	28	93
city of Boston, aid to J. E. Wheeler	29	99
city of Boston, aid to George Carney	12	
town of South Abington, aid to J. W. Cook.	13	
State aid to Mrs. J. B. Moore	31	
Thomas Gannon	31	
James McNeal	13	
Frederic E. Johnson		01
Dennis Collins	34	
Mrs Ainslie	1	00
town of Stoughton, aid to Patrick F. Ma-	26	40
guire	36	40
	\$419	78
Total cost of poor out of the almshouse	\$3,111	<b>75</b>
TAUNTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.		
To cash paid for board of insane persons By cash refunded by friends (see Treasurer's Account).	\$438	04
STATE AID ACCOUNT.		
	<b>#1 10</b> 5	4.0
•	\$1,137	
Bill due for January, 1878 *	86	00
	\$1,223	19
	\$1,123	
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	\$1,223	19
SOLDIERS' AID (Law of 1878).	\$1,223	19
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Cash paid and due from the State to poor and indi-	\$1,223 \$2,588	

#### GRAND ARMY APPROPRIATION.

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M. A. Perkins, appropriation	\$150	
M. A. Perkins, cash returned to Treasurer	70	00
	\$80	00
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.		
E. F. E. Thayer, insurance on town buildings	\$325	63
Mercer & Whittemore, insurance on town buildings.		00
S. W. Hollis, insurance on town buildings.	140	00
J. R. Smith, insurance on town buildings		00
C. B. Woodsum, expressing		30
N. R. Proctor, dippers and chain	1	10
A. R. Gay, treasurer's record	5	<b>75</b>
Joseph I. Bates, repairing pump		00
Horace Faxon, cash paid witnesses at fire-inquest .		<b>75</b>
S. J. Magill, refreshments for jurymen at fire-inquest.		00
Nichols & Hall, blank-books		25
T. D. Bagley: labor on buoy		75
John Cronin, team to Randolph and Quincy, &c		00
George C. Thayer, printing warrants and blanks, &c.,		50
George C. Thayer, printing voting-lists and warrant,		
&c	36	00
George C. Thayer, blank-books	5	75
T. B. Stoddard, notifying town officers		50
William A. Tupper, labor and stock in safe	7	00
A. O. Clark, postage-stamps	3	00
William Reed, repairs on wagon and harness	13	00
Alfred Mudge & Sons, printing town report	122	22
Heliotype Printing Co., copying ancient deed	67	50
C. W. Proctor, services and expenses on Fish Com-		
mittee	10	00
W. R. Penniman, labor on A. J. Dyer's fence	8	32
Daniel Huxford, printing	36	25
John Hayward, platform for well	3	80
P. W. Dyer, cedar posts	14	00
Edward Avery, legal services, McCue case, second suit	50	00
J. E. Orcutt, watching fires	3	00
'Asa T. Pratt, committee on N. M. Hobart's case .	2	00
H. L. Thayer, horse-hire	2	00
E. H. Morton, stationery	<b>2</b>	00
C. G. Easterbrooks, printing circulars (almshouse) .	5	00
C. G. Easterbrooks, printing road notices, warrants, &c.	11	25
David H. Bates, cash paid for expenses		45
Isaac N. Dyer, labor		50
William H. Cobb, tools at town-house		00
Samuel Curtis, returning deaths	5	00

G. C. Hallenbeck, returning deaths A. J. Bates & Co., 1 pail	\$4 50 37 9 00 7 00 73 70 2 28 3 37 6 53 9 00 7 25 1 20 15 50
	\$1,294 27
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Of Town Hall, Public Library, High School, and Pond School, George F. Leonard.	\$600 00
TOWN HALL.	
F. B. Parks, repairing pipe M. L. Tupper, two tables John Hayward, labor and material repairing steps T. B. Stoddard, paint, oil, and labor Boston Lightning Rod Co., repairing rods Michael Brandley, coal Kane & Waitte, 20 gallons oil P. D. Holbrook & Co., oil, lead, lines, hods, lamps, glass, &c. Pierce & Sanborn, stovepipe and putting up Kane & Waitte, 5 gallons oil E. T. Ellis, fuel A. A. Linnell, grate and fire-brick  Cr.	\$1 46 2 50 24 90 29 58 12 00 36 10 5 00 69 85 25 25 1 25 6 00 2 00 \$215 89
By cash paid Treasurer	207 00
FIRE-DEPARTMENT.  UNION ENGINE, No. 1.  G. C. Hallenbeck, drawing engine from So. Braintree, A. J. Sims, setting glass  Thomas South, iron-work	$\begin{array}{cc}2&00\\23&75\end{array}$
C. W. Smith, step-ladder, \$2.00; sundries, \$12.98.	14 98

Charles Ratcliff, steward	\$17	50
Robert M. Loring, steward	17	
William H. McGregor, services of 50 men	250	
Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood	13	
		00
George E. Fogg, drawing engine		57
Sewall, Day, & Co., rope		
C. G. Easterbrooks, printing notices and constitution,		50
John Downs, labor on door	1	00
Galen E. Pratt, stationery.		00
Hunneman & Co., repairing engine and hose	84	
Joseph I. Bates, cuspidores and lanterns	8	00
	\$455	68
BUTCHER BOY, No. 2.		
	<b>\$6</b>	40
C. B. Woodsum, expressing, and drawing engine	φυ	40
P. D. Holbrook & Co., oil, chimneys, paper, and sup-	0.1	97
plies		27
J. B. Wood, labor, gravel, and coal	8	32
Edward Shay, iron-work and belts		48
E. M. Thayer, steward	17	50
L. W. Thayer, steward	17	50
J. R. Smith, services of 50 men	250	00
M. J. Kiley, 60 copies of by-laws	6	75
P. W. Dyer, drawing engine to Randolph	<b>2</b>	00
James McSweeney, leather cylinder caps	2	00
E. G. Stoddard, glass-setting, 4 lights		00
H. M. White, coal and refreshments		25
E. T. Ellis, wood		20
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WAMPATUCK HOOK AND LADDER.		
Myron L. Hobart, labor, glass, and setting	\$2	50
Myron L. Hobart, steward	16	67
Myron L. Hobart, services of 25 men	125	00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal and wood	. 7	60
N. R. Proctor, refreshments		27
N. R. Proctor, oil, lamps, chimneys, and supplies .		90
A. W. Hobart, hammer		00
A. W. Hobart, nammer		
	\$177	94
Engineers.	4200	~ _
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Thomas Penniman, services as engineer and committee,		
Wm. M. Richards, services as engineer and committee,		00
C. W. Proctor, services as engineer and committee .		00
J. T. Stevens, services as engineer and committee .		00
Thomas South, services as engineer and committee .	5	00

A. J. Bates & Co., stationery Thayer Bros., horse-hire .	•			•	•		37 50
	/					\$38	87
ABATEMENT AND C	OLLE	CTI	ON (	OF '	TAX	ES.	
W. L. Wainwright, tax of 1877	•		•	•		\$44	80
J. W. Hayward, tax of 1878	•	•	•	•	•	10	00
F. G. Crosby, tax of 1878.	•	•	•	•	•	20	00
Charlotte Loring, tax of 1878	•	•	•	•	•	15	00
Herman F. Vickery, tax of 1878		•	•	•	•	63 60	50 50
Mark F. Duncklee, tax of 1878 James L. Simonds, tax of 1878		•	•	•	•	20	00
Ann Long, tax of 1878 .	•	•	•	•	•		00
Ephraim B. Thayer, tax of 1878	8	•					00
Heirs of Elisha French, tax of I		•	•	•	•		50
Heirs of John Daland, tax of 18				•	•	15	00
Robert A. Wilson, tax of 1878	•		•	•	•	1	-
D. H. Bates, collector of tax of			•	•	•	10	00
D. H. Bates, collector of tax of			•	•	•	150	23
Joseph Dyer, collector of tax of	1877	and	1878	•	•	231	36
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PLAIN-STREE	et o	TO NATE		37			
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A. Allen, labor, superintendence, use of team, surveying and making plan	\$27	50
	\$195	78
POLICE-DEPARTMENT.		
Isaac Porter, salary	\$600	
J. F. Bates, salary	600	
B. J. Loring, jun., salary	600	
B. J. Loring, jun., cash paid for expenses	$\frac{32}{2}$	00
H. L. Thayer, horse-hire		50
$\mathbf{Cr.}$	\$1,839	95
B. J. Loring, jun., fees paid to treasurer (see treasurer's		
account)	\$71	58
	"	
TOWN LANDS.		
	4 4	12
Edward Hobart, trees, 1875	φ4 40	
E. T. Ellis, rolling walks	1	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
	\$45	62
RESERVOIR WELL.	•	
N. M. Hobart, award of committee	\$181	67
N. M. Hobart, on contract	185	
N. M. Hobart, extra work and change of location .		00 30
G. W. Thayer, gravel		25
	\$389	22
PUBLIC LIBRARY.		
N. F. T. Hayden, appropriation	\$450	00
TOWN OFFICERS.		
S. W. Hollis, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of	• #900	00
the Poor	\$300	UU
the Poor	300	00
David H. Bates, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of		
the Poor	45	00
Ansel O. Clark, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor	260	00
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	200	00

Jonathan French, Treas	ırer					\$200	00
Samuel A. Bates, Town				•	•	35	
N. L. White, School Co						60	
Noah Torrey, School Co	7		•	•		50	
George H. Arnold, Scho		nittee	•	•	•	50	
James M. Cutting, Scho				•	• \	50	
Freeman A. Arnold, Sch				•	•	33	
				•	•	50	
B. L. M. Tower, School				•	•		00
Thomas Penniman, Con				·	· · · ·	*	00
B. J. Loring, jun., Co		•				12	00
count)		•	• • 70	•	· · · ·	14	00
B. J. Loring, jun., Trus	int Office	r (see	e Tres	asurer	's Ac-	0	15
count)		•	•	•	•		45
J. B. Arnold, Auditor			•	•	• •		50
Asa T. Pratt, Auditor	•	•	•	•	•	5	00
						* 4 4 7 0	
						\$1,470	95
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$\mathbf{R}$	ECAPIT	LULA	TIOI	<b>V.</b>			
Orders drawn for, —							
Schools						\$7,997	21
Incidental expenses of s		•	•	•	•	256	
				•	•	205	
Incidental expenses of s			•	•	•	438	
Appropriation for schoo			•	•	•	2,076	
Almshouse		•		•	•	3,531	
Poor out of the almshor		•	•	•	•	381	
Drawbridge		•	•	•	•		
	•	•	•	•	•	438	
Highways				•	•	3,654	
Removing snow.	•			•		825	
	•			•	• •	1,294	
Town officers	•	•	•	•	•	1,470	
Police-Department .		•			•	1,839	
State aid	•	•	•	•	•	1,137	
State aid to soldiers.	•	•	•	•	•	2,588	
Janitor	1 •	•	•	•	•	600	
	•	•	•	•	•	215	
	•	•	•	•	•		62
	•		•	•	•	389	
Abatement and collection	on of tax	ces	•	•	•	651	
Library			•	•		450	
Fire-Department .	•	•	•	• '		1,028	16
Cemetery		•	•	•		200	00
Grand Army		•	•	•		150	00
						\$31,867	21
						Í	
534 orders drawn .	•	•	•	٠	•	. 31,867	21

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and find them well kept, with proper vouchers for all payments; and we fully believe the affairs of the town have been carefully and judiciously managed.

JOHN B. ARNOLD, EBEN DENTON, JOHN M. BEALS, Auditors.

#### ASSESSORS' ACCOUNT.

Support of school	ols .	•	•	•	•	•		\$6,800	00
Interest .	•	•	•	•	•	•		3,300	00
Town officers		•	•	•	•	•	•	1,500	00
Incidental expen	ses.	•	•	•	•	•	•	1,200	00
Support of poor	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4,000	00
Fire-Department	•	•	•	•	•	•		1,200	00
Public Library .	•	•	•		•	•		450	00
Incidental expen	ses for	school	s.	•	•	•	•	300	00
Removing snow	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1,000	00
Janitor		•	•	•		•	•	600	00
Highways and b	ridges	•	•	•	•	•		3,500	00
Grand Army of	the Rep	ublic	•	•	•	•	•	150	00_
	use, an	d yar	ds a	nd fe	nces	of o	ther		
Union Schoolhouses		d yar		nd fe	nces	of o	ther	200	00
Union Schoolho	s .	•	•	•	•	of o	ther	200 200	00
Union Schoolhouses Union Schoolhouses	s .	l and o	outbu	ilding	•	of o	ther		1 1
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Appropriations no	eces	sary for	the	e ensuir	ng ye	ear:—				
Schools	•			•	•	•	•	\$6,800	00	6
Highways	•		•	•	•	•	•	4,000	00	•
Interest on town del	ot			•				3,500	00	(
Reduction of town of				•			•	2,000	00	,
Town officers .	•			•			•	1,500	00	1
Incidental expenses	•				•	•	.1	1,500	00	2
Support of the poor		ه <b>.</b>				•	•	4,500		Somet ?
Grand Army .			•		•	•		150		1
remain many			•		•	•	•	1,000	00	1
Public Library .	•	•		•		•	•	450		1
Incidental expenses	of	schools	•		•		•	300	00	
Janitor					•	•		600	00	

Removing snow			ue.		\$1,000 1,500	
					\$28,800	00
COLLECTOR'S ACCO	IINT.	FI	EB. 1.	187	79.	
D <sub>R</sub>			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
Joseph Dyer, balance tax, 1877 interest on above cash on hand Feb. 1	•	•	\$3,113 163 21	20	\$3,298	96
$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{R}}$						
By cash paid Treasurer By cash paid Treasurer as interest By unpaid taxes	•		\$3,121 80 96	76	\$3,298	96
TAXES UNPAID,	Bill (	)F	1877.			
Joseph A. Arnold	•	•	•	•	2 3 11 2	76 00 08 48 80 44
Joseph Dyer, Co	llector	of	1878.		φ30	40
Amount of tax-bills for 1878. Amount added since commitment	•	•	•	•	\$31,888 56	00
Cash paid to Treasurer.  Taxes unpaid as per schedule Cash in hands of Collector .	•	•	• .	•	\$31,944 \$29,523 2,203 217	43 07 50
T / / 1 1 1 C C 11					\$31,944	
Interest in hands of Collector.  Having examined the accounts of we hereby certify them to be corre		· Col	· lector as	· s sh		75 ve,
	JOHN EBEN JOHN	N I	B. ARNO DENTON M. BEAL	OLI V, LS,	$\left. \left. \right\} Audit  ight.$	ors.

### TAXES UNPAID FEB. 1, 1879.

George A. Alden	\$2	00	Martin Dunn	\$2 00
Daniel A. Hearn	2	00	Alfred K. Durling	2 00
James A. Hearn	2	00	Jos. P. Drolliett	4 00
George E. Arnold	2	00	George H. Dyer	2 00
Joseph A. Arnold	44	50	Horace Faxon	9 75
Heirs of Edmund Ban-			Heirs of Jos. R. Frazer,	35 50
non	6	25	Edwin E. French	17 75
Benjamin C. Bannon .	2	00	Hiram A. French	47 50
Heirs of James Bannon,	5	25	J. Jackson French	$21 \ 25$
Joseph I. Bates	32	00	James M. French	
Elijah Benjamin	14	25	Thomas R. Fitch	3 00
William A. Bishop		<b>5</b> 0	Charles Gardner	14 00
John Bowditch		50	John Greenwood Dennis Griffin	7 25
J. Francis Bowditch .		00	Dennis Griffin	14 00
Stephen S. Bradford .	19	00	Thomas J. Griffin	7 50
John Brightman	<b>2</b>		Maurice Gurney	
Robert Brooks	8	75	Thomas M. Hagan	11 00
Albert N. Bunker			Jeremiah Haley	2 00
Fred Bunker (balance)			John S. Hanson (bal-	
Nahum Bunker	3	25	ance)	11 57
Charles T. Burnham		00	Caleb Hayden	28 00 -
Sarah F. Brown			Charles A. Hayden	$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{00}$
Osgood A. Brown		50	Edgar G. Hayden	4 50
Patrick Carroll			Hosea B. Hayden	5 50
George Carney			George E. Hayden	4 00
Morris Cleary			I. Willie Hayden	$\stackrel{-}{2}$ 00
Leroy W. Collins		$\frac{25}{25}$	Nelson E. Hayden	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
S. F. B. Collins		00	William Hayden	24 50
Eunice Collins			William O. Hayden .	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
John Connaughty			C. Henry Hayden	
John W. Cook	$\frac{7}{2}$	00	Levi F. Hayden	
Franklin Cram			H. Webster Hayden .	$\frac{2}{2} \frac{00}{00}$
Frederic Cram			Josiah B. Hayward .	
James Croke			Henry Hobart	
John Croke			Joshua N. Hobart	
James Croke, jun.			Nathaniel M. Hobart .	
Simeon P. Cushing			Charles F. Holbrook .	
Jere Denchay			Elias Holbrook	
John H. Denehay	2	00	Freeman D. Holbrook.	
Heirs of Robert Dickey	2	75	Josiah Holbrook	
Heirs of Robert Dickey, Robert A. Dickey	• 9	00	Ludo W. Holbrook	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Pat Donahue	13	00	Ludo W. Holbrook, jun.	
Peter Donahue			Waldo Holbrook	
	3		Joel Hollis	
John J. Downs		50		
		00		$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
William F. Dyer	40	00	Moses Hunt	11 70

TITUIL 1 SE TY				40	
Willard M. Hunt		50	Elisha B. Nightingale.	\$2.	
Thomas Hueston	16	00	O. H. P. Niles	15	00
Henderson Brothers .	22	00	Patrick Nugent	2	00
Moses Jones			John Nugent	2	00
Silas M. Jones			John O'Hare		00
		i			
George W. Kelly			Frank B. Parks	14	
Benjamin F. Kennedy.	2	00	Robert C. Payne (bal.)		
George H. Lane	3	25	Elijah Penniman	17	00
Sarah H. Lane	51	00	William A. Ross & Co.	30	00
Henry O. Leonard			Frank Rossiter		00
Jacob E. Lochman		50		*2	
117	_		C. Watson Saunders .		00
Richard F. Loring	2	00	W. W. Sanders		00
B. I. Loring			Cornelius Smith		75
John L. Lynch	2	00	James Sline	9	00
Lawrence Lynch	4	00	Ellen Shehan	7	50
Patrick Lynch		00	Michael Stanton		00
Albert Lucus		00	Edward Starr		
Patrick F. McGuire .					
Table Meduire .	2		Benjamin Stevens		
John Menan	. 2	00	Michael Sullivan		00
John Mehan John Maloney, 2d	2	00	Patrick Sullivan		00
Heirs Gardner Mans-			Timothy Sullivan	4	00
field	12	00	John Summers	12	50
S. A. F. Mansfield		00	Isabella J. Scott		
Warren Mansfield		25	John M. Scott		
Alverdo Mason (bal.).			Napoleon Tellier		00
Charles A. Mead		00	Abel H. Thayer	Э	00
John Mellen		00	Abel H. and James L.		
Jos. F. Miller	5	50	Thayer	15	50
Peter Mooney	2	00	David Thayer (bal.) .	8	00
Conrad Mischler (bal.)		00	David Thayer, 2d (bal.),		25
William H. Morrow .			David B. Thayer		$\overline{50}$
James McAlpine			Elwyn H. Thayer		00
			Tamas T. Wasser		
Thomas J. McCormick.			James L. Thayer		00
Daniel McCue	13	50	Jona Thayer, jun		
James McDonald	$\cdot \cdot 12$	00	J. Q. A. Thayer.	2	00
James McKenny	3	50	Lewis Thayer	8	75
Richard McNair		00	Melvin Thayer		
James McSweeney	17	00	Simeon Thayer (bal.) .		
Neil McRae	21	00.			
Patrick McLaughlin .	$\frac{\mathbf{Z}}{\mathbf{Z}}$	00	Martin Tribou (bal.) .		00
Roderick McKenzie.	. 2	00	Elmer H. Vinton		75
A. McDonald	. 2	00	Thomas B. Vinton		
Philip McGee	. 2	00	Freeman G. White	20	75
Michael McCormick .			N. Augustus White	24	00
Mary J. Newcomb			Otis Whiting		
Peter Ness		00	Alva A. Whitmarsh .		
10011103	, 2	00	zarva za. winumansm .	4	00

Non-residents.	}	Thomas B. Porter \$25 50
		Thomas H. Hayes 18 00
E. A. Baker \$8	00	Henry H. Goodnow . 1 00
Boston Organ Co 25	00	Franklin Jacobs 12 00
George A. Thayer 34	50	Nathaniel Bump 9 25
Charles C. Hayward . 10		Frank W. Mead 26 00
J. B. Thompson 2	50	Ellen J. Melendy 12 00
Elihu Holbrook	75	Frederic E. Washburn. 12 00
Heirs Cotton Tufts 5	00	Timothy Conners 2 00
Robert B. Barnes 3	75	
William Buker 3	50	Total \$2,203 07

#### TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

	JONATHAN FRENCH,	Treasurer.	
Feb. 1, 1878.	,		
Cash on hand	d	. \$12,247	48
Received of	Joseph Dyer, Collector	• •	
	1877	3,121	80
	Joseph Dyer, 1877.	. 80	76
	Joseph Dyer, Collector	• •	
	1878	. 29,523	43
	David H. Bates, Collector	•	
	1876	. 233	41
	David H. Bates, Collector	<b>,</b>	
	interest	. 17	39
	Weymouth Bank (bor	<b>'~</b>	•
	rowed)	. 12,000	00
	Overseers of the poor (re	; <b>-</b>	
	funded)		33
	Overseers of the poor (re	; <b>-</b>	
	funded)	. 438	04
	Overseers of City of New	<b>₹</b>	
	Bedford	. 75	05
	Holbrook	. 114	00
	Overseers of the poo	$\mathbf{r}$	
,	(Almshouse) .	. 321	82
	Moses Hunt, for hay	. 5	05
	School Committee .	5	00
	Michael Brandley, use o	$\mathbf{f}$	
	cart	5	55
	Thomas Hill, use of cart	. 9	97
	Albert Hobart, cash	. 5	00
	S. W. Hollis, use of cart	. 4	00
	A. Allen, for two lots in	n	
	cemetery		00

Received	of B. F. Spear, for one lot in			
	cemetery	\$5	00	
	Noah Torrey, School Com-			
	mittee, tuition of C.			
	Bates	4	84	
	Selectmen, use of town hall			
		210	00	
	B. J. Loring, jun., con-			
	stable and truant-officer's	0.1	4 5	
	fees	21	45	
	B. J. Loring, jun., police-			
	officer's fees	51	13	
	Selectmen (refunded by			
	G. A. R.)	70	00	
	State Treasurer, corp. tax,	1,352	69	
	State Treasurer, bank tax,			
	State Treasurer, State aid,	1,031		
	and the second s	1,001	00	
	Selectmen, return premium	10	00	
	on policy	18	UU	
	State Treasurer, school			4
	fund	228	86	
	County Treasurer, dog li-			
	censes	434	44	
	Harvey S. Page, license			
	fee	1	00	
	Joseph Dyer, treasurer of	-		
	~ •	300	00	
	school fund			
	Town of Randolph	62		
	Town of Peabody	11	50	
	Selectmen, balance of ap-			
	propriation for cemetery,	4	22	
	City of Boston	56	47	
	•			\$63,957 96
				# 00,000
				, and the second
Feb. 1, 1879	).			
		<b>¢</b> 21 967	91	
Cash parc		\$31,867		
	notes, Weymouth Bank	12,000	00	
	Mary H. Thayer, on note and		20	,
	interest	153		
	on sundry notes	3,119	20	
•	note, Joseph Dyer	500	00	
	note, Asa French, guardian.	1,400	00	
	note, Braintree Savings Bank,	1,500		
	note, F. G. Crosby	4,000		
		800		
	note, Joseph Dyer			
	note, Joseph Dyer	250		
	note, Edwin Howard	900		
	State tax, 1878	1,500	00	

Cash paid County tax, 1878.	•	•	\$2,223 29		
on hand, Feb. 1, 1879	•	•	3,744 64		
				\$63,957	96

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find them correct, with a balance of cash on hand, \$3,744.64.

J. B. ARNOLD, EBEN DENTON, JOHN M. BEALS, Auditors.

THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOWING INTEREST, FEB. 1, 1879.	NOTES	AND
Mrs. N. W. Penniman, Nov. 24, 1868, at 6 per c	ent	\$500 00
Interest	•	5 50
Trustees, estate of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer:		
Feb. 26, 1873, at 6 per cent	. 10	,000 00
March 7, 1874, at 6 per cent <sup>a</sup>		,000 00
May 18, 1874, at 6 per cent		,000 00
F. G. Crosby, Aug. 10, 1874, at 6 per cen	it. 1	,000 00
West Boston Savings Bank:—	10	000 00
July 24, 1875, five years at 6 per cent.		,000 00
July 24, 1875, seven years at 6 per cent		,000 00
July 24, 1875, ten years at 6 per cent.		,000 00
Mary H. Thayer, Feb. 1, 1877, at 6 per ce	ent,	396 95
	<u>\$43</u>	,902 45
Less assets as per schedule		,498 93
P C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C		
Net debt, Feb. 1, 1879	. \$33	,403 52
Net debt Feb. 1, 1878	. \$36	,260 00
Feb. 1, 1879		,403 52
		<u> </u>
Net less than last year	. \$2	,856 48
ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 1	, 1879.	
Balance in the Treasury	\$3	,744 64
Due from Joseph Dyer, tax 1877	• ₩0	96 40
Joseph Dyer, tax 1878	. 2	$,203 \ 07$
Joseph Dyer, cash		217 50
City of Boston		41 99
Town of Hingham		68 52
Town of Weymouth		142 59
Town of South Abington		13 75
Town of Stoughton		36 40
The State		133 10

Due from Horace Faxon.	•	•	•	•	\$9	00
F. B. Parks	•	•	•	•	10	78
State, for State aid.	•		•	•	1,223	19
State, for soldiers' aid	•	•	•	•	2,558	00
		,			\$10,498	93

#### THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

BRAINTREE, Feb. 1, 1878.

To THE SELECTMEN.

The Trustees of the Thayer Public Library respectfully submit their annual report as follows:—

The Library has been open during the year, 282 days. Circula-

tion of books, 14,553; average per day, 51+.

Percentage of fiction	70
Percentage of juvenile	7
Percentage of higher order	23
Largest number loaned in one day, Feb. 23.	205
Smallest number loaned in one day, July 30 .	7
Whole number of volumes in Library, upwards of.	4,200
Number of books added during the year	517
	1,659
•	242

By comparing this report with those of preceding years it will be seen that the number of those making use of the Library has steadily increased, which furnishes the most gratifying evidence that its value is becoming more and more appreciated. We take great pleasure in gratefully acknowledging the receipt of a very valuable collection of books, costing \$500, a gift to the Library from our townsman, Mr. E. A. Hollingsworth. Also from Mr. Eben Denton a consecutive series of "The Scientific American," from 1848 to 1878 inclusive, the value of which as books of reference can hardly be over-estimated.

To carry on the Library for the ensuing year will require the same appropriation by the town as was made last year, —\$400.

We append the financial report of our Treasurer.

## Respectfully,

ASA FRENCH,
F. A. HOBART,
HENRY A. JOHNSON,
N. H. HUNT,
N. F. T. HAYDEN,

Trustees.

# THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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${\it Receipts.}$						
Balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1878. \$443	16					
Town appropriation						
Town Treasurer, 1 year's interest, 6 per cent,						
\$10,000 600	00					
From Librarian, for fines						
From Librarian, for sales of catalogues 14						
	<b>\$1,535 22</b>					
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${\it Expenditures.}$	,					
Paid Estes & Lauriat for books \$548	37					
H. V. & H. W. Poor for books 5	00					
William H. Osborne for books 2	63					
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A. W. Thayer for binding 34						
M. R. Warren for stationery 11						
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Abbie M. Arnold for incidental ex-						
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Abbie M. Arnold for librarian, 1 year . 300						
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P. D. Holbrook & Co. for oil and fix-	00					
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Woodsum's Express 6	65 \$1 195 06					
	<b>—</b> \$1,185 96					
Balance in hands of Treasurer Feb. 1, 1879	\$240.96					
Dalance in hands of Treasurer Feb. 1, 1079	. \$349 26					
N. F. T. HAYDEN,	Treasurer.					
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BRAINTREE SCHOOL-FUND REPORT.						
Cash on hand, Feb 1, 1878	. \$66 67					
Dividend received from Quincy National Bank .	. 60 00					
Dividend received from Weymouth National Bank	. 70 00					
Dividend received from Eliot National Bank .	. 15 00					
Taxes refunded	. 31 46					
Cash received for ten cords of wood	. 20 00					
Cash received for tell colus of wood	. 20 00					

Cash received for rent of almshouse	•	•	200 00 98
Total	•		\$464 12
Cash paid D. F. Lyons			\$9 00
W. R. Penniman, painting	•	•	70 00
W. R. Penniman, for repairs .	•	•	35 25
for insurance			29 13
L. R. Barnes, painting		•	10 08
Peterson & Carroll		•	3, 65
P. A. Wales & Son, repairing pump	•		5 00
E. T. Ellis, repairing stable .	•		2 00
Jonathan French	•		300 00
Total	•	•	\$464 11

JOSEPH DYER, Treasurer of School Fund.

#### CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN.

I most respectfully submit the following report:—

The department is under the control of a chief and eight assistant engineers; there are two hand-engines, with hose-carriages attached, and one hook-and-ladder carriage.

The companies are full, and consist of one hundred and twenty-five volunteers. The several houses belonging to the department would be in good condition by adding a coat of paint to each of them. The engineers are considering the expediency of raising the hose-towers, in order to secure a better protection to the hose. There are belonging to the department 400 feet of reliable hose, 1,100 feet of unreliable hose, and 300 feet of condemned hose.

#### SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

#### Union, No. 1.

One engine and hose-carriage, 200 feet of rubber hose, 250 feet of linen rubber-lined hose, 300 feet of linen hose, 32 feet of suction hose, 8 sets spanners and belts, 2 wrenches, 2 stoves, 1 duster, 1 dustpan and brush, 3 oil-cans, 2 axes, 1 coal-hod, 4 fire-ladders, 1 fire-hook, 2 pails, 1 bursting-strap, 8 settees, 8 chairs, 1 table, 8 lamps and fixtures, 12 spittoons, 4 buckets, 4 nozzles, 6 hats, 5 lanterns, 2 shovels, 1 step-ladder, 1 signal light, pole for horses.

#### Butcher Boy, No. 2.

One engine and hose-carriage, 200 feet rubber hose, 250 feet of linen rubber-lined hose, 300 feet linen hose, 35 feet suction-hose,

8 sets spanners and belts, 2 stoves, 2 axes, 2 bursting-straps, 10 settees, 8 chairs, 5 lanterns, 8 lamps and fixtures, 6 spittoons, 4 buckets, 5 nozzles, 2 fire-ladders, 1 house-ladder, pole for horses, 1 rubber coat, 1 broom, 3 oil-cans, 1 wrench, 1 boiler, 1 jack, 1 coal-hod, 1 fountain-pump, 1 crowbar, 5 sets couplings, 1 shovel.

#### Wampatuck Hook-and-Ladder, No. 1.

One carriage, 8 ladders, 6 hooks, 6 spittoons, 8 chairs, 10 settees, 2 stoves, 2 coal-hods, 2 boilers, 2 oil-cans, 22 buckets, 2 pumps, 6 dog-hooks, 2 lanterns, 2 axes, 1 shovel, 1 broom, 1 dustpan, 1 lever, and pole for horses.

#### Schedule of Fires in 1878.

Feb. 15, Ross & French, shoe-factory, owned and occupied by said firm: value \$1,700, loss \$100; supposed cause, incendiary.

May 12, a dwelling-house of P. Maguire: value \$1,400, loss

\$150; cause, defective flue.

May 23, Holbrook Block, occupied as stores, offices, and halls; valued \$6,000, damage \$500; supposed cause, accident.

JOHN CAVANAGH.

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in Braintree, on Monday, the third day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles, namely: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, townways, and bridges, the ensuing year.

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing ART. 4.

To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may ART. 5. be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing

To see if the town will accept the Jury List as made ART. 6.

by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars, and pay the same to Gen. Sylvanus Thayer Post G.A.R., for the purpose of assisting them in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Decoration Day.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one or more special police-officers, who shall be required to act as a night patrol for one year from the month of March ensuing, or until others are appointed and qualified in their stead, and appropriate money for the same.

To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to ap-ART. 9. point a paid night patrol for the east part of the town, as prayed

for by N. L. White and thirty-three others.

ART. 10. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars to complete the improvement of Plain-

street Cemetery.

ART. 11. To see if the town will repair and gravel Jersey Avenue, under the supervision of the Selectmen, and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars therefor, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the drawbridge

on Quincy Avenue, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will appropriate money to build the new street laid out by the County Commissioners, connecting Shaw Street and Quincy Avenue.

ART. 14. To choose any committee, to hear the report of any,

and act thereon.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant at the usual public places in town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Braintree, this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

S. W. HOLLIS, ABIJAH ALLEN, ANSEL O. CLARK, Selectmen of Braintree.

### JURY LIST.

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB. 15, 1879.

Richard L. Arnold, George H. Arnold, Franklin E. Arnold, J. Frederic Allen, Patrick B. Anglim, David H. Bates, Elisha A. Belcher, William P. Bird, Gilbert W. Bowditch, John M. Beals, Samuel A. Bates, William H. Cobb, Simeon P. Cushing, F. Henry Crane, Luther O. Crocker, Constant S. Chandler, Charles T. Crane, Samuel L. Dyer, Albion C. Drinkwater, Charles A. French, N. Eugene Hollis, Joseph H. Hobart, C. Byron Hunt, William Hill, J. Parker Hayward, Nathaniel F. Hunt,

Nathaniel H. Hunt, Charles L. Hayden, Horace A. Jones, Samuel W. Jennings, Arza B. Keith, Alva S. Morrison, Benjamin L. Morrison, Charles Pratt, Marcus A. Perkins, Nehemiah R. Proctor, William R. Penniman, Charles L. Perry, Henry W. Simonds, Joel F. Sheppard, James R. Smith, George A. Sproul, Martin V. B. Shaw, Charles W. Smith, Eben B. Tower, E. F. E. Thayer, Granville Thompson, Henry S. Thayer, Thomas B. Vinton, Henry M. White, George D. Willis, Gilman D. Whitaker.

### MARRIAGES.

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1878.			AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan.	1.	Edgar Hayden,	27	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Ella A. Orcutt,	24	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
	8.	Frank O. Whitmarsh,	21	Braintree.	Weymouth.
		Annie Glover,	22	Quincy.	Quincy.
	6.	George S. Parker,	<b>2</b> 2	Braintree.	Quincy.
		Mary L. Arnold,	19	Braintree.	Braintree.
Feb.	13.	John Kelly,	22	Quincy.	Ireland.
		Mary J. Lawson,	22	Braintree.	Andover.
Marc	h 3.	Thomas Donahue,	24	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Charlotte F. McIntosh,	20	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
	12.	Charles E. Roberts,	28	Braintree.	Maine.
		Sophia Lehman,	32	Braintree.	Maine.
April	<b>2.</b>	Thomas D. Colbert,	22	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Addie A. French,	21	Braintree.	Braintree.
	3.	William A. McClary,	24	Braintree.	Canada.
		Lavinia Stark,	25	Boston.	Nova Scotia.
	6.	Alfred K. Durling,	27	Braintree.	Nova Scotia.
		Margaret A. Buchanan	,16	Braintree.	Nova Scotia.
May	12.	Isaac P. Bent,	25	Quincy.	Quincy.
		Dora G. King,	19	Braintree.	Braintree.
	21.	Frederic H. Seabury,	25	Brockton.	East Dennis.
		Mary A. Thayer,	21	Brockton.	Hanson.
	22.	Joseph D. Bradford,	25	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Lizzie M. Hall,	20	Boston.	Boston.
	23.	Marshall Stetson,	22	So. Abington.	Hanson.
		Mary E. Cudworth,	18	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
	28.	William A. Tupper,	24	Braintree.	Kingston.
		Lydia A. Thayer,	30	Braintree.	Braintree.
June	4.	Nathan T. Dyer,	26	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Hattie Mann,	23	Franklin.	Franklin.
	13.	Alden P. Loring,	32	Braintree.	Dorchester.
		Alice M. Mason,	23	Braintree.	Braintree.
	16.	James H. Finegan,	28	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Mary E. Curran,	28	Boston.	Boston.
July	3.	Benjamin L. M. Tower	, 30	Braintree.	Boston.
		Eliza C. Kneeland,	25	Cohasset.	Boston.
	3.	Thomas Taylor,	27	Braintree.	England.
		Sarah E. Gott,	<b>25</b>	Braintree.	Boston.
	10.	William O. Faxon,	24	Braintree.	Stoughton.
		Susie R. Wales,	24	Stoughton.	Stoughton.
Aug.	18.	Arthur H. Long,	21	Braintree.	Belgium.
		Mary C. McMahon,	20	Braintree.	Weymouth.
	25.	Albert E. Bradford,	23	Braintree.	Braintree.
		Louise H. Lothrop,	23	Braintree.	Maine.

Aug. 27	. Amos M. Litchfield,	48	Quincy.	Scituate.
	Lois L. Dyer,	48	Braintree.	Braintree.
Oct. 4	. James S. Baker,	36	Braintree.	So. Carolina.
	Josephine B. Mansfie	ld <b>,2</b> 2	Braintree.	Braintree.
ā	. William A. Carver,	21	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Sarah L. Huff,	18	Braintree.	Braintree.
18	•	23	Braintree.	Newburyport.
	Almira L. Bump,	24	Randolph.	Randolph.
16		27	Braintree.	Ireland.
	Josie Lee,	22	Braintree.	Ireland.
30	•	22	Rockland.	Plymouth.
	Helen B. Hollis,	19	Braintree.	Braintree.
Nov. 2	·	67	Braintree.	Maine.
	Sarah Moore,	67	Wayland.	Brookline.
24		31	Braintree.	England.
	Eliza J. Besse,	23.	Braintree.	Wareham.
28		22	Weymouth.	Ireland.
	Mary Hennessey,	22	Braintree.	Weymouth.
29	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	25	Braintree.	Maine.
	Susan M. Loud,	22	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
Dec. 4	L. Ezra H. Waite,	28	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Mary D. Thompson,	<b>21</b> .	Braintree.	Weymouth.
15	·	20	Braintree.	Maine.
	Mary H. Baker,	21	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
18		32	Quincy.	Braintree.
	Adriana Johnson,	22	Quincy.	Quincy.
28	5. Joseph Q. Hawes,	26	Braintree.	Roxbury.
	Jennie F. Glover,	21	Gloucester.	Gloucester.
3:	I. George E. Bullard,	25	Braintree.	Southboro'.
	Susie E. Daniels,	21	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Alliston F. Dyer,	20	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Lizzie Reed,	19	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
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# BIRTHS.

DIVIII	lO•
William Hamilton McGaw,	Alexander and Sarah J.
Grace Elizabeth Eastwood,	John E. and Margaret.
George Bridges,	William and Eliza.
Charles Samuel Belcher,	S. Wilson and Sarah L.
Roscoe Green Holbrook,	Moses D. and Abbie F.
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Fannie Elizabeth Sheehan,	John and Hannah.
Willie Donahue,	Peter and Margaret T.
Rhoda Adeline Warren,	Clark and Katie F.
1sabel Sullivan,	Thomas O. and Hannah.
Caroline Disloovere,	Louis and Catherine.
Nellie O'Brien,	John and Margaret.
Lillian Francella Dustin,	Eugene A. and Elizabeth T.
	William Hamilton McGaw, Grace Elizabeth Eastwood, George Bridges, Charles Samuel Belcher, Roscoe Green Holbrook,  Fannie Elizabeth Sheehan, Willie Donahue, Rhoda Adeline Warren, Isabel Sullivan, Caroline Disloovere, Nellie O'Brien,

Tob	<b>H</b>	Dannia Franklin Haydan	Franklin W. and Ida A.
Feb.	5.	Bennie Franklin Hayden,	James and Rose.
	8.	Mary Jane Higgins,	
	12.	Arthur Merrill Young,	J. Wallace and Amelia A.
	14.	Marian Ethel Wood,	William H. and N. Annie.
	19.	Walter Irving Glover,	Winfield S. and L. Alice.
	19.	Herbert Morales,	Leonardo and Agnes.
	20.	Thomas McLaughlin,	Patrick and Mary A.
	21.	Sarah Moulton Kelley,	Hiram H. and Mary H.
Marc	h 1.	Ethel Alice Perkins,	Salmon W. and Ellen F.
	2.	Wallace Winfred Dana,	Horace and Sarah E.
	2.	Eugene Bearce Jordan,	Calvin C. and Clara E.
	4.	Susan Gertrude Dorety,	John W. and Annie L.
	13.	Albert Warren Carney,	George and Margaret.
	14.	Bertie Francis Buker,	George E. and Ella A.
	17.	Lussander Badger,	Napoleon and Sarah.
	23.	Clarence Everett David,	Solon and H. Agnes.
	26.	Keene,	Joseph A. and Lillian I.
	26.	Mary Ellen Maguire,	Celia.
April	5.	Mary Beatrice Ahlf,	Claus and Christina.
•	6.	Ida Emma French,	Charles A., 2d, and Jennie
	8.	John Arthur Gorman,	Francis and Catherine E.
	12.	Fletcher Francis Stoddard,	Edward G. and Mary J.
	21.	Katie Ellen Jordan,	Patrick and Eliza.
	25.	Percy Warren Holbrook,	Walter and Sarah F.
	25.	Nellie Florence Harrington,	Eliza Jane.
	29.	John Ahearn,	Daniel and Ann.
May	2.	Harrison Parker Hobart,	C. Harrison and Abbie F.
May	4.	Thomas Armand Mischler,	Conrade and Bridget.
	9.	Charles Patrick Carroll,	Patrick and Louisa.
	20.	Alice Southworth Morrison,	Alva S. and Rebecca H.
	22.	Fannie Jane Hollingshead,	John and Fannie.
	23.		
		George Thomas Dee,	George and Mary E.
	25.	Grace Tower Whitmarsh,	Frank O. and Annie.
<b>-</b>	26.	John Thomas Kelley,	John and Mary J.
June		John Andrew Mooney,	Peter and Mary.
	20.	Edith Young,	Francis W. and Sarah E.
•	22.	Mary Elizabeth Richards,	Horace J. and Hattie R.
		Elizabeth Alice Dee,	Robert H. and Mary J.
,	25.	Samuel Thayer Willis,	S. Arnold and Clara E.
,	30.	Grace Caroline Page,	Harvey S. and Florence E.
July	6.	Eva May Crane,	Charles F. and Julia E.
	7.	Bertha Rebecca Tenney,	Michael and Nellie.
	7.	Bertie William Tenney,	Michael and Nellie.
	14.	Jane Dugan,	Henry and Maria.
¥	21.	Charles Herbert Gage,	William L. and Mary E.
	31.	Hattie Elizabeth Colbert,	Thomas D. and Addie A.
Aug.	1.	Edwin Franklin Trufant,	Edgar H. and Jane I.
7	4.	Helen — Foss,	Warren H. and S. Maria.

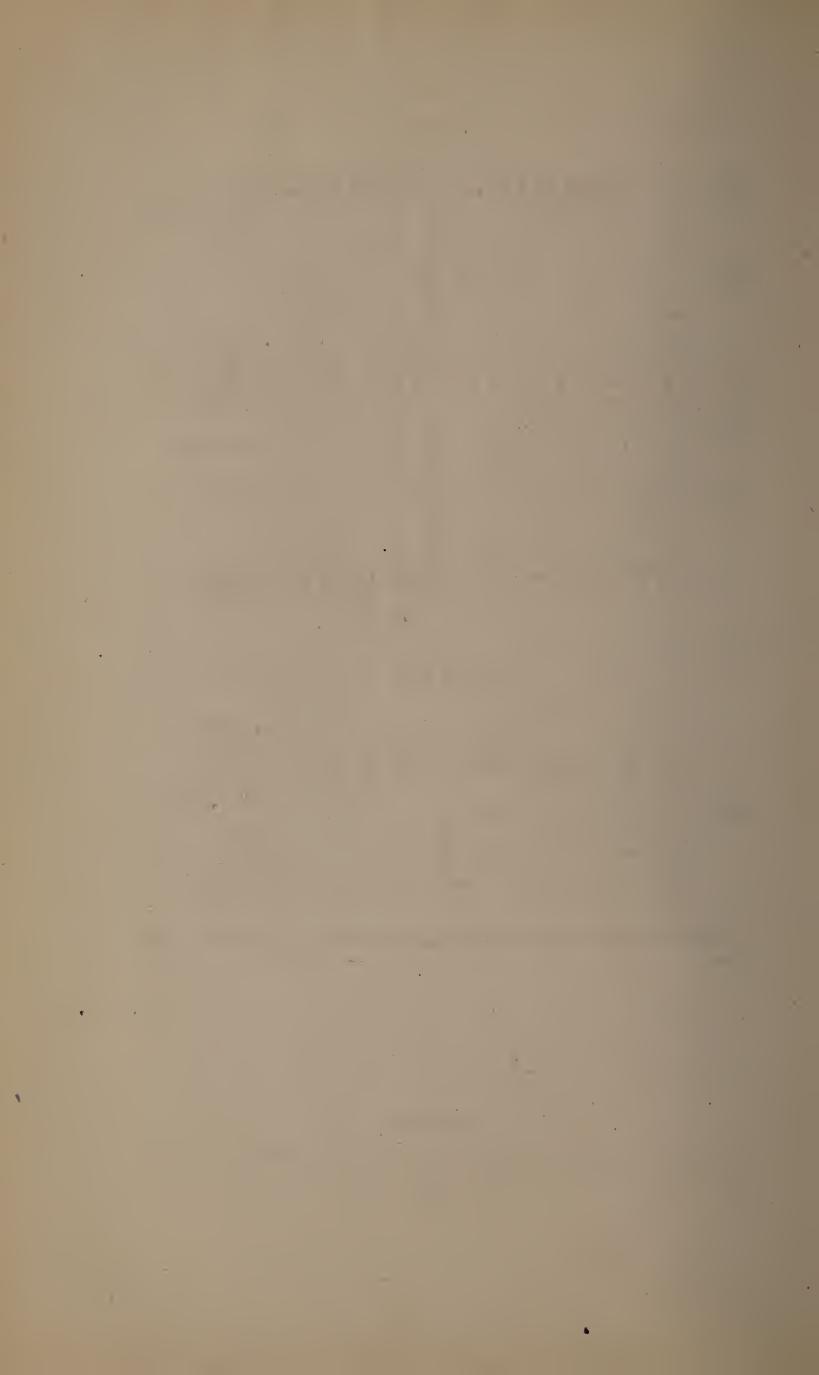
Aug.	4.	O'Rourke,	Peter and Theresa.
	5.	Ernest Linwood Pratt,	Phineas and Desire.
	5.	Harry Alvine Dyer,	Allston F. and Lizzie.
-	9.	Robert Elisha Belcher,	E. Alden and Mary F.
	10.	Clara Baylies Connell,	Walter T. and Mary E.
	13.	Ethel Brown Delano,	John J. and Priscilla B.
	15.	Jane Elizabeth Starr,	Terence and Charlotte.
	18.	Roland Hill McFarland,	James and Mary.
	22.	Alice Edna Ryerson,	Wallace and Alice E.
	28.	Emily Arnold Parker,	George S. and Mary E.
Sept.	5.	John Edward Fitzgerald,	John C. and Mary A.
•	13.	Everett Howard Cain,	Daniel E. and Ellen G.
	25.	Mary Elizabeth White,	James and Ellen.
	27.	Alice Gertrude White,	T. Freeman and Mary E.
Oct.	7.	Olive Birchard Smith,	Charles W. and Sarah L.
	7.	Flora Ellen Spear,	Benjamin F. and Caroline C
	8.	George Gaston Mansfield,	Charles W., 2d, and Eliza M
	9.	Elizabeth Hamilton Thayer,	Edmund G. and Florence.
	9.	Mary Ann McDonald,	James and Eliza.
	10.	Eva Gibson Chambers,	James and Eliza.
	14.	Charles Francis Pierce,	William S. and Sarah A.
	15.	William John Preston,	Michael and Margaret.
	16.		Alfred and Lucy M.
	17.	Learned,	Henry O. and Frances E.
	18.	Aimee Florence Kirby,	John H. and Annie.
	19.	Eva May Snow,	Henry H. and Mary E.
Nov.	1.	Hannora Dolan,	Martin and Johanna.
	3.	Arthur Channing Thayer,	Elwyn H. and Annie.
	15.	—— Potter,	Daniel and Marina L.
	15.	Oliver Alexis Tellier,	Napoleon and Ann E.
	22.	Alice Maria Condrick,	William F. and Katie.
	23.	Michael Clark,	James W. and Mary.
	24.	Florence Wales,	George O. and Abbie F. P.
	27.	Annie Lillian Hollis,	George E. and Loella A.
	27.	Touffet Greenwood,	John and Frances.
Dec.	1.	Mabel Jeannette Dexheimer,	Jacob, jun., and Jeannette.
	7.	Charles Benson Lund,	Charles A. and Clara F.
	10.	Mary White Thayer,	Elias M. and Ellen M.
	15.	——— McGaw,	Alexander and Sarah J.
	15.	Mabel Ellen Loring,	Robert M. and Sarah E.
	20.	Grace Binney Crane,	Nathan J. and Martha A.
	22.	Frank George Rossiter,	Frank G. and Katie E.
	23.	Lewis Marshall Parks,	Albert F. and Addie M.
	27.	Mary Ella Hayden,	Caleb H. and Emma F.

# DEATHS.

1877.			Yrs.	M	· D.	
		Mary E. Baker,	28	4	16	Consumption.
Aug.	26.	Mary Finegan,	85	<b>T</b>	10	Old Age.
Sont	6.	Grace E. Simmons,	00	10	10	Spinal Meningitis.
Sept.		Grace E. Simmons,		10	10	Spinal Meninglus.
1878						
Jan.	4.	Elias Hayward,	72			Consumption.
	9.	Alpheus Hunt,	73	0	5	General Debility.
	11.	Clinton,	<b>-</b> ~			Still-born.
	11.	Abijah Penniman,	78	0	24	Heart Disease.
	29.	Caroline Disloovere,			5	Infantile.
	30.	Margaret A. Ahearn,	25	10	6	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
Feb.	3.	Mary E. Clary,	30	2	24	
	20.	Emeline Pratt,	69	7	16	Anæmia.
	25.	William H. McGregor,		4	17	Erysipelas.
March		Clara E. Jordan,	20	0	25	Puerperal Fever.
	19.	Lussander Badger,			2	Jaundice.
	22.	Rhoda K. Perkins,	88	1	6	Heart Disease.
	27.	Ann McDowell,	58	8	27	Bright's Dis. of Kidneys.
•	28.	—— Keene,			2	Infantile.
April	1.	Rebecca Hill,	88	1	17	Pneumonia.
	6.	—— Hayden,				Still-born.
	8.	Robert Dickey,	70	11	23	Paralysis.
	8.	Elizabeth A. Penniman,	81	6	25	Heart Disease.
	15.	George H. Tower,	28	2	15	Typhoid Fever.
	17.	Harriet A. Hammond,	34			Pneumonia.
	26.	Alice B. Hamilton,	7	11	21	Consumption.
	30.	Robert Carrigan,	23			Typhoid Fever.
May	1.	Rowena L. Ryan,	76	5	26	Rheumatism of Heart.
	2.	Frank E. Hayden,	1	2	16	Congestion of Lungs.
	4.	Frederic J. Drinkwater,	10	8	17	Accidental.
	6.	Mabelle F. Snow,		9	29	Diphtheria.
_	7.	William Maxwell,	87	9		Heart Disease.
	8.	Ralph Arnold,	65	6	2	Dropsy.
	14.	Sarah C. Berry,	42	6	8	Heart Disease.
٠	16.	William C. Stoddard,	52	0.	19	Bright's Dis. of Kidneys.
June	2.	Hiram Wild,	71	10	<b>2</b> 3	Consumption.
	8.	William Thomas,	56	1	8	Heart Disease.
	20.	Augustus E. Hayden,	12	0	7	Consumption.
	25.	James S. Thayer,	76	11	13	Dropsy.
	29.	Edith M. Damon,	1	9	9	Brain Disease.
July	5.	Mary E. Willis,	24	3	28	Consumption.
	10.	Patrick Sheehan,	22	4		Phthisis Pulmonalis.
	10.	Alice R. Gibbs,	13	11	11	Peritonitis.
	12.	William H. Mansfield,	26	9	27	Consumption.

	1877		Yrs.	м.	D.	
July	12.	George W. Nutter,	61	6.	19	Œdema of Lungs.
	20.	William Dyer,	63	8	2	Intemp. and Heat of Sun.
	24.	Abbie T. Daniels,	49	3	17	Cerebral Apoplexy.
	25.	Phyle Bowditch,	86	9	12	Old Age.
Aug.	<b>5</b> .	Florence M. Allen,	3	1	14	Drowning.
	6.	—— O'Rourke,			2	Infantile.
	12.	Mary White,	102	5	18	Pneumonia.
	17.	Henry I. Madden,		8	17	Cholera Infantum.
	18.	Mary E. Arnold,	2	5		* Cerebral Dropsy.
	24.	Clarence E. David,		5	1	Cholera Infantum.
	26.	John A. Mooney,		2	25	Cholera Infantum.
Sept.	8.	Elizabeth Thayer,	80	6	11	Old Age.
	10.	Catherine M. Flood,	23	5	27	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
	29.	E. Warner Dailey,	<b>5</b> 9	8	12	Cancer.
Oct.	2.	Minnie F. Miller,	1	2	19	Cholera Morbus.
	3.	John Preston,	38			Pneumonia.
	4.	Mark F. Duncklee,	53	9	25	Drowning.
	11.	Jonathan Holbrook,	75	2		Pneumonia.
	15.	John F. Clary,	5	3	12	Atrophy of Liver.
	27.	Ernest L. Pratt,		2	22	Cholera Infantum.
	28.	Margaret E. Clinton,	2	7	17	Diphtheria.
	29.	Thomas Jordan,	72	5	5	Dropsy.
Nov.	2.	Joanna W. Penniman,	44	0	8	Stone in the Gall.
	5.	William A. Robbins,	4	4	5	Diphtheria.
	7.	—— Branley,				Stillborn.
	8.	Freddie J. Valiquet,	2	2	4	Spinal Meningitis.
	23.	Nathaniel Belcher,	85	10	20	Chronic Gastritis.
	24.	Mary B. Ahlf,		7	18	Acute Bronchitis.
	28.	Florence Wales,			4	Engorgement of Lungs.
Dec.	8.	Henry J. Holbrook,	83	7	27	Pneumonia.
	11.	Edward Friel,	35	4		Fracture of Spine.
	18.	George D. Newcomb,	50	5	15	General Debility.
	19.	Marcus W. Nickerson,	33	8	12	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
	31.	Rebecca Arnold,	68	6	29	Softening of Brain.

The Town Clerk requests that he may be notified of all errors or omissions.



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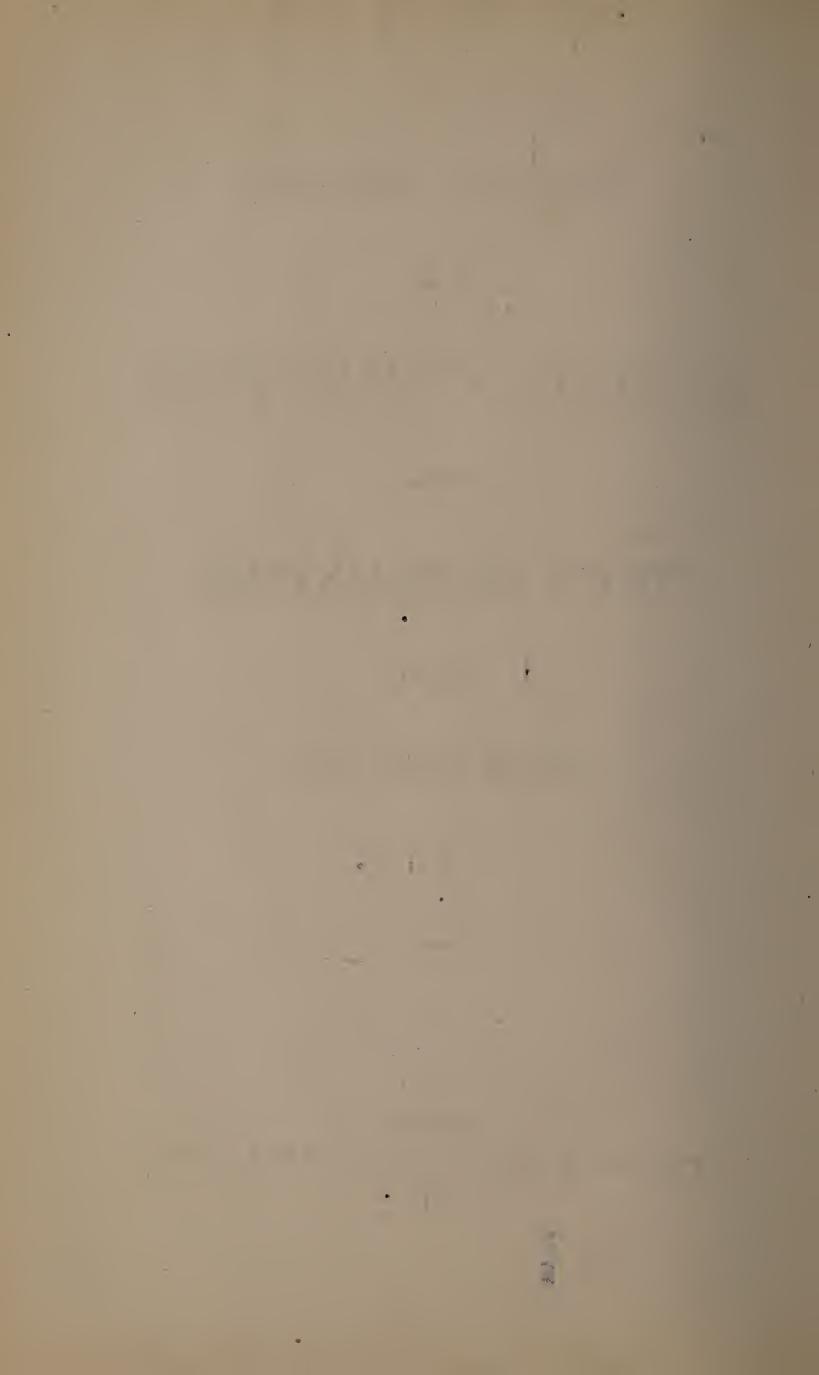
# TOWN OF BRAINTREE,

FOR THE

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# SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

The importance and value of the public-school system of education, especially under a free government, and its direct, vital bearing upon the well-being of the nation, are threadbare truths,—so trite as to be often overlooked.

Upon the character of our schools depends the character of our people; for to our common schools is the great body of our people indebted, not merely for their intellectual training, but for their moral culture as well. And teachers cannot be too strongly impressed with the necessity of inculcating a high moral tone in those intrusted to their care.

Our fathers recognized this, embodying the idea in our constitutional and statutory law. In the laws relating to public schools they provided that "it shall be the duty . . . of all instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry, and frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance; and those other virtues

which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded." To such education as this we owe the preservation of our National Government; to its absence the French nation owed, in large measure, its terrible revolution.

A town can have no greater interest to foster within its borders; no object upon which it can and should expend its means with greater liberality.

As individuals, we undergo constant toil and self-sacrifice to provide for the future of our children; as bodies politic and corporate, we are too often strangely reluctant to expend our money in the same direction.

## METHODS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Within the last few years the system of public education has made rapid strides. The old landmarks are swept away, and new theories are everywhere rampant.

With the ample means at their command, our cities and large towns are making important changes in methods,—some already assured successes, others still experimental, or of doubtful expediency. Your Committee, adhering to the conservative traditions of the town, have preferred to proceed with caution, making such changes only as are no longer of doubtful value, and these by a very gradual method. But in view of the recent improvements in methods elsewhere, and of the establishment among us of the Thayer Academy, of which we shall speak presently, certain changes have become a necessity.

## REVISION OF STUDIES.

A sub-committee was appointed the past fall to revise the studies of the schools, with especial view to the more accurate grading of the Grammar and Intermediate Schools, and the establishment of a uniform course of study to be required for admission to the High School. Embodied in their report were suggestions, which, among others, we desire here to bring to the special attention of our teachers. The Committee have had the benefit of the excellent revision of studies and suggestions to teachers recently prepared and adopted by the Boston School Board; though, from their being adapted to a system at once the most elaborate and most lavish in expenditure of any in this country, their availability with us is somewhat limited.

#### Text-Books and Oral Instruction.

It is a matter of common observation, that frequent changes in text-books are detrimental to progress, and that it is generally inexpedient to make such changes, unless rendered necessary by new courses of study, which should be introduced only with classes entering upon a study for the first time. All needless expense to parents is thus avoided.

The slavery of the text-book has been in the past, and is still, a marked evil in our schools. We would strongly recommend that our teachers make wider use of oral instruction, confining themselves less closely to text-books, from which lessons should be selected with regard to the needs and aptitudes of the scholar, rather than to the sequence of pages.

While we would not discard the spelling-book, there is no doubt that it too often proves a hindrance rather than a help; and we would recommend the frequent use of the reading and other text books, combined with occasional oral and written exercises improvised by the teacher, in partial substitution therefor.

The evil of close adherence to text books is nowhere so apparent as in the study of history. As its result, whatever is acquired is purely a matter of memory,—isolated facts connected in the scholar's mind only with the page on which they are stated. To petty details equal importance is attached as to great epochs; and the pupil's time is so wasted, that the colonial and revolutionary history of this country is all that is generally taught, even thus imperfectly.

The memory should not be burdened with minor details, which may well be omitted, that the Grammar School graduate may at least possess some degree of familiarity with the history of his own country to the present time, and may better comprehend the connection of events and historical causes and results.

The marked benefits of this method of instruction were made apparent at the recent mid-winter examination of the Union Grammar-School. A connected account of the main events of the American Revolution was given by the scholars (called upon at random), generally in their own language; and questions thrown in by the Committee were answered with a commendable degree of promptness and intelligence: and this was accomplished by the usual number of lessons during only one term. The benefits of this method are also perceptible in other schools.

Mathematics is the purest form of abstract reasoning, and problems should be worked out in accordance with principles, not rules. Time spent in geometry is wasted if the pupil is allowed to commit the problems to memory; and arithmetic is not properly taught when undue prominence is given to memorizing and repeating rules. Clearness of thought and clearness of expression are

acquired when the theory, the rationale of the process is held as important as the practice.

One of the most important changes recently introduced in the schools of Boston, as well as of other places, and one of unquestioned value, is the increased attention paid to the study of English literature.

If our schools give nothing else, they should impart a love for reading.

The main object of school education is not to store the mind with facts, but to acquire those habits of concentration and thought that will enable the pupil to master any subject to which he may apply his mind. Not what is studied, but how it is studied, is the important thing; and that school is the successful one which best implants in the scholar a love for study.

School-work must be made interesting, or it is a failure: this is the central truth from which have sprung, and about which cluster, the theories upon which our best educators are at work to-day. there is no greater aid to this end than the writings of our best authors. The benefits of such reading reach in every direction. A pure, healthy tone, intellectually and morally, is imparted; a taste for the best reading is implanted, that will reject the poorer literature of the day, much of which is so detrimental to mind and Again, there is no surer means of acquiring a pure and correct style of expression in speech and writing. The pupil takes little or no interest in the fragmentary selections found in the readers now in use. One complete story, poem, history, or book of travels, would be not only of inestimably greater interest, but a most valuable adjunct to the text-books in other studies, especially in history.

The value of the supplementary courses of reading in the Boston schools of all grades cannot be over-estimated.

The following books have been introduced as such supplementary reading-matter in those schools:—

In the Primary Schools, the monthly magazine called "The Nursery."

In the Grammar Schools, Higginson's "History of the United States;" Hawthorne's "Wonder-Book" and "Tanglewood Tales;" Miss Martineau's "Crofton Boys;" Tom Hughes' "Tom Brown's School-Days at Rugby;" Dana's "Two Years before the Mast;" De Foe's "Robinson Crusoe;" Irving's "Sketch-Book."

In the High Schools, the English Classics, so called.

It will be said at once, We cannot afford this. True, but we can do something in this direction. The town should supply each school with a few of these books, to be kept on the teacher's desk for occasional exercises; two copies of each book would be sufficient,—one for the teacher, and the other for the scholar reciting. The exercise thus becomes extemporaneous, and close attention as well as constant interest on the part of the other scholars is secured.

The result would certainly justify the effort.

Two other important changes introduced in several places in the State are, first;—in the method of teaching grammar without a text-book, by oral and written exercises, rather than by memorizing: and, secondly;—in teaching children to read without the alphabet.

With the former we are not entirely in sympathy, believing the idea of throwing away the text-book may be carried too far in the effort to find a royal road to learning, and that a judicious and partial use of the

text-book is essential. The new method is perhaps largely a reaction from the complications of parsing and analysis and the refined subtleties of terminology that have found place in too many school systems.

The method of learning to read before acquiring the alphabet is now in practice, in whole or in part, in some of our Primary Schools, and is certainly successful in the hands of the teachers who have adopted it. This method is now in general use throughout the United States.

# TEACHERS.

These, and other changes which we have not space to discuss in detail, involving the laying aside of the text-book, depend however for their success upon trained teachers. To meet this want, training-schools have been established in various places.

As the Committee of the Norfolk County Convention recently said; — "If our smaller towns cannot afford trained teachers, we must train the teachers we have;" and much can be done by suggestions, and by inciting them to a higher standard.

We do not wish to be understood as advocating any system of close restraint with teachers. It is the custom in many places to prepare tabular views, prescribing so many hours each day to particular studies. We do not approve of this, believing that it is the duty of committees, to see that the schools are kept properly graded, to outline the instruction to be given, and, by suggestion, to keep the teachers well informed as to the best methods; but in all the details of teaching, to trust their aspirations, and allow them so broad a scope and such a sense of freedom as not to cramp their individualities.

In deference to the supposed wishes of the people

in different sections, a practice had sprung up in the past to refer the appointment of teachers in each section to its own sub-committee. Although it is believed that such sub-committees have always endeavored to perform this duty faithfully and impartially; yet in order to avoid any possible suspicion, from any quarter, of favoritism, it was voted, some time since, that all examinations of candidates thereafter should be before the Board as a whole.

## MONTHLY REPORTS.

To aid the Committee in the supervision of the schools, as well as to incite the pupil to greater effort, monthly-report cards, to be sent to the parents of each scholar, have been introduced into the Grammar and Intermediate schools. They are in the following form:—

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A short examination is held by the teacher each month, which insures careful reviews, as well as greater attention to each lesson. An additional advantage is, that the parents are kept constantly informed as to their children's progress, and home influence, so great an aid to the teacher, is secured. In this connection we would particularly call the attention of parents to the importance of requiring from their children attending schools above the Intermediate grade at least one hour's faithful study at home each day.

#### GRAMMAR AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Any revision of studies with us must necessarily contemplate very gradual changes. The necessity of enforcing a higher standard of scholarship for admission to the High School is, however, apparent; and the teachers of the Grammar Schools have been informed that hereafter the Committee will be more strict in the matter of admission to the High School. While the examinations will not be made more difficult, the percentage will be somewhat raised, and a more rigid rule applied as to rejections, with a view of securing a greater degree of thoroughness in preparation, and completion of the requirements, especially in history and arithmetic.

It is unnecessary to state here in detail the text-books and limits of study prescribed in the different schools. It is sufficient to say that an effort is making to raise the standard of scholarship in the Grammar and Intermediate Schools; but to be successful it must be persistent and untiring, calling for the constant aid of parents, teachers, and scholars, for it must of necessity be very gradual.

The Committee voted last summer to place the Gram-

mar Schools in charge of male teachers. In the opinion of the Committee, time unnecessarily expended in discipline is worse than wasted; and it is a matter of experience, that, with boys and girls of the Grammar School age, a word or a look from a master will usually prevent disorder that a lady-teacher could only check by corporal punishment, so often demoralizing in its effects upon teacher and pupil.

The Committee have been fortunate in the selection, as masters of the Grammar Schools, of young men who have shown themselves zealous, and well adapted to their work.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The success of the Primary School depends mainly upon the personal influence of the teacher, and the instruction should be chiefly oral.

The drawing-cards recently introduced prove interesting to the children, and a valuable step in object-teaching, several original designs of much merit being shown at the recent examination of one of the Primary Schools.

We do not favor, however, the introduction of drawing into the other schools, and learn, that, though taught extensively in the schools of nearly all our large cities, it is not spoken of approvingly by many of the best educators, and is likely to fall into disfavor. It should be left to individual tastes and to special schools.

# DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

A source of much weakness to the Braintree school system are the outlying District Schools. Extent of territory renders them an apparent necessity; but the Committee, impressed with the marked benefits which would

result from concentrating the system, and bringing the scholars into regularly graded schools, have made an effort in that direction.

They find that the scholars of most, if not all, the District Schools, can be conveyed to and from the centrally-situated graded schools in teams provided with careful drivers, and at a considerable saving of expense to the town. The irregularity of attendance from which the District Schools now suffer so severely would be in this way doubtless greatly lessened.

Upon attempting to introduce this plan with the West-street School, however, the Committee, to their surprise, were met with so strong a remonstrance from the people of that section, who seemed to feel that they were in some way abridged of their full school privileges, that the plan was abandoned, though the Committee are still of opinion that it was a move in the right direction. Indeed, the method of transportation to relieve over-crowded schools has been in successful operation for some months past in the East district.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Whatever differences of opinion may have existed, or may still exist, in regard to the pecuniary relations between the Town of Braintree and the Thayer Academy, there can be but a universal desire that this institution should be of as direct benefit as possible to our people in an educational point of view.

The Academy is practically free to-day to the children of this town; all of even such moderate scholarship as will hardly suffice to entitle them to remain within its walls being permitted to attend free of tuition, — an arrangement which will continue so long as the present endowment remains unimpaired.

This institution, one of the best of its kind in the country, is enabled, with its ample endowment, to furnish better instruction in the higher departments of knowledge, whether in the classics, modern languages, or sciences, than our High School can ever hope to supply.

While, then, the High School cannot be merged in the Academy, even were it desirable, and the town must continue to maintain a high school with facilities for the study of the higher English branches and the Latin, Greek, and French languages, there will be no practical difficulty in making it substantially an English school.

The regular course should be shortened to three years, and be exclusively an English one, adapted to fitting our young men for mechanical, agricultural, and business pursuits, and, generally, for occupations other than those purely professional and scientific. The Latin, Greek, and French languages, facilities for the study of which we are required by statute to supply, should be made elective studies, with the distinct recommendation, however, of the Committee, that all who intend to fit for college, or who have the means and leisure to make a special study of the classics, modern languages, or sciences, should enter the Thayer Academy, — a recommendation which would unquestionably be universally accepted.

The initiatory steps have already been taken to carry out the foregoing plan.

A circular setting forth the proposed course of study was recently distributed, in advance of this Report, among the parents of the High School scholars.

The new course will be introduced very gradually, not to interfere more than is necessary with studies already begun by those now in the school. History has

been introduced into all the classes, Swinton's Outlines of the World's History being the prescribed text-book.

## Scope of Instruction.

It is a very difficult matter, in these days when the field of human knowledge has so widened, to define with precision the limits of public education.

We do not propose to discuss here the important question, so fully argued by President Eliot and other able thinkers, how far the State is bound to provide the higher education for the masses, and whether rendering such higher education accessible to the people generally is, as is claimed, an evil, fostering a distaste for the necessary drudgery of most useful employments.

Maine is trying the experiment of disestablishing her High Schools,—curiously, too, at a time when the High School system, though essentially American, has met with so marked a eulogy from the French Centennial Commission.

But we are learning to-day that there is another education than that of the college and the library; that every man's occupation can be so ennobled by the high thought that may be put into it, that it shall be of itself a liberal education. The so-called liberal professions have no longer, if they were ever supposed to have, a monopoly of brains; and it is among our leading merchants, bankers, and manufacturers, that we often look for the clearest and broadest views in practical affairs, and often, too, for the highest culture.

Again, the education of the school is not our lifework; it merely prepares us for it, furnishes us the tools to do that work with. The mind must be trained, and given its proper bent; and yet we must so widen the

scope of the education we furnish as to enable each mind to choose the right direction,—to know its calling.

We can train the intellect that is to grapple with men and things, with the world's great problems, by better mental discipline, surely, than a smattering of Latin and Greek. However valuable a thorough study of the classics may be (and we do not underrate its value), surely the brief years before the boy is compelled to stand and hold his own among men can be employed to better advantage with subjects equally adapted to mental discipline, and better suited to his wants and the wants of our age.

This tendency has indeed, here and there, run to wasteful extremes, overcrowding courses of study, and giving an education of mere fact-knowledge to the utter loss of essential mental discipline. Greater thoroughness we certainly need in every department of life. We Americans are in too great haste to seize the world's prizes to think much of laying a sure basis on which to build.

But there is a golden mean. We need not overcrowd the time of teacher or scholar: so much attention must be paid to each of the sciences, and so much only, as will enable the student to find the true inclination of his mind, and to pursue further investigation for himself.

The study of a single science is a life-work. The merest rudiments are all we can give; but these we are bound to bestow.

The following is the course of study adopted for the High School, subject to such modification as experience may prove necessary:—

#### FIRST YEAR.

First Term. — Commercial Arithmetic, English Grammar and Rhetoric, General History, Physical Geography.

Second Term. — Algebra, Rhetoric, General History, Physical Geography.

#### SECOND YEAR.

First Term. — Algebra, Natural Philosophy, General History, Astronomy.

Second Term. — Geometry, Natural Philosophy, General History, Civil Government.

#### THIRD YEAR.

First Term. — Geometry, Botany, Civil Government, Chemistry. Book-keeping.

Second Term. — Trigonometry, Geology, Political Economy, Physiology, Book-keeping.

Exercises in Reading, Declamation, Composition, Spelling, Drawing, and Penmanship, during the entire course.

Diplomas of graduation will be conferred upon completion of this course.

That no one may be deprived of any of the privileges now enjoyed, pupils may, if they choose, take an extra year, and in that case may elect in the regular course Latin, Greek, and French, or either of them, in place of chemistry, botany, and geology, or either of them. If feasible, French will be introduced also as an elective in the regular course.

### SCHOOL APPARATUS.

For many years no appropriation has been asked for school apparatus, and the expenditure by committees for this object has been very light. Our schools are consequently deficient to-day in this respect. Maps and books of reference are the most pressing needs. And are we quite satisfied to send our children, at an age when the imagination is most active and should be trained and given scope in the right direction, into school-houses with bare walls and no opportunity whatever for visual instruction?

There should be some, not necessarily extensive, additions to the scientific apparatus of the High School.

The Committee, therefore, ask an appropriation of at least two hundred dollars for this purpose.

#### Schoolhouses.

There is need of considerable repairs and improvements in and about the Iron-Works Schoolhouse.

The building itself can scarcely be considered safe, having but a single narrow entrance and winding stairs, a defect that should be remedied without unnecessary delay.

The underpinning and steps should be replaced, the fence and privy thoroughly repaired, and the yard graded.

New blackboards are needed in each schoolroom, and a well and pump have long been a desideratum.

A small outlay for sodding here and about the other schoolhouses would go very far towards relieving the barren, desolate appearance said with much truth to be characteristic of the rural schoolhouses of this country.

Mr. Freeman A. Arnold, who served as a member of this Committee during a portion of the school-year, resigned early in the fall to accept the position, which he now holds, of Master of the Pond Grammar School;

and Mr. Eben Denton was subsequently chosen to fill Mr. Arnold's place on this board.

N. L. WHITE,
NOAH TORREY,
G. H. ARNOLD,
J. M. CUTTING,
EBEN DENTON,
B. L. M. TOWER,

School Committee.

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